

EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

RECOGNIZING THE ANGELINA COLLEGE LADY ROADRUNNERS FOR CLAIMING NJCAA CHAMPIONSHIP TITLE

HON. LOUIE GOHMERT

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, September 8, 2014

Mr. GOHMERT. Mr. Speaker, it is indeed an honor to recognize the incredible 2013–2014 Angelina College Lady Roadrunner Softball team members who merit congratulations for their success, both on and off the field. This group of extraordinary women attained for their school the coveted title of NJCAA Division I National Softball Champions, an accomplishment which also represents the first national title for Angelina College.

In addition, the Lady Roadrunners became the first team from Texas to win the NJCAA Division I World Series since the tournament's inception in 1977.

From start to finish, this team had to overcome adversity at every turn—including mechanical malfunctions, bad weather and sleep deprivation. But on the field, this team exemplified what determination could accomplish.

The team lost in game one of the championship tournament, but the Lady Roadrunners rallied behind their defeat and triumphed in game two over Central Florida with a score of eight to five. The team finished out their season with forty-two wins, sixty-two homeruns and a national title.

Off the field and in the classroom, this group of women illustrate that determination can translate into success no matter the arena. These young women finished their championship season with a total grade point average for the team of three point three, landing them an appearance on the Academic All-American list.

It is my privilege to honor team members Madalyn Sumrall, Trina Deyo, Katelyn Barker, Kaylon Morvant, Kristin Boulware, Gia Johns, Taylor Harper, Shelby Bruner, Sage Martinez, Kassie James, Sidney Allen, Kayleigh Roy, Meranda Rodriguez, Samantha Moore, Melissa Boland, Ashley Ingle, and Tessa Thomas.

The team undoubtedly thrived under the skillful leadership of Head Coach Mark Mattson, Assistant Coach Barbara Mattson, Student Trainer Bridget Chandler, Athletic Secretary Debbie Mareno, Sports Information Director Gary Stallard, Athletic Director Guy Davis, and Angelina College President Dr. Larry Phillips.

It is with great pride that I join the constituents of the First District of Texas in congratulating the players and athletic staff of the 2014 NJCAA Division I National Champions, the Angelina College Lady Roadrunner Softball Team. Their legacy is now recorded in the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD, which will endure as long as there is a United States of America.

HONORING ATTORNEY WILL ELLIS PITTMAN

HON. BENNIE G. THOMPSON

OF MISSISSIPPI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, September 8, 2014

Mr. THOMPSON of Mississippi. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Attorney Will Ellis Pittman.

Attorney Pittman was born and raised in Tutwiler, MS. Mr. Pittman is 51 years old. He is the owner and managing member of Pittman & Associates, PLLC law firm in Clarksdale, Mississippi where he also serves as the first African-American County Prosecutor for Coahoma County. Attorney Pittman also serves as the board attorney for the Tunica County Board of Supervisors and is the first African-American to represent the Tunica County Board of Supervisors. Attorney Pittman is recognized amongst family, his community, and his colleagues as a man of wisdom, service, a generous spirit, and passion. He regularly attends and serves on the finance committee of the Galena Missionary Baptist Church in Tutwiler, Mississippi which he grew up in and joined at eight years of age.

Ellis attended and graduated from public high school in Tallahatchie County, Mississippi. After earning his high school diploma, he enlisted in the United States Marine Corps. While in the Marine Corps, Ellis married his high school sweetheart, and they had two (2) children. After being honorably discharged from the Marine Corps, Ellis returned to his home town in Tutwiler.

However, he was unable to find employment anywhere in the delta area. Ellis returned to work and earned a living on the plantation in Tallahatchie County where he grew up. Ellis worked six (6) sometimes seven (7) days a week to provide food, shelter, and the bare necessities for his family. He always knew that if given the opportunity, he would provide them with a better way of life.

After working one full year and saving every penny that he could, Ellis departed for Dallas, Texas where he obtained a job with a janitorial service, cleaning grocery stores at night. Within two months Ellis saved enough funds for a deposit and first months' rent on an apartment. He then returned to Mississippi to get his wife and child and they returned to Dallas, Texas. Within six months, the store at which Ellis was employed took notice of his hard work and daily attendance and the store manager offered him a job as an apprentice baker that provided health insurance, dental, and vision benefits for both him and his family. With this break, Ellis used the extra earnings to provide a better place for his family to stay. Within six months, Ellis had worked his way from an apprentice baker to a journeyman baker and was able to provide his family with the kind of things that he had always dreamed of having.

Although he excelled in his employment, Ellis realized that in order to do more for his

family he would have to obtain a college education. At the same time, Ellis desired to return home to be with his elderly father who became ill. So, he applied for and was hired with the Mississippi Department of Corrections as a correctional officer trainee.

He then made plans to attend Mississippi Valley State University to obtain a college degree. Prior to applying to Mississippi Valley State University, the Pittman's home caught on fire in which Ellis received second and third degree burns over a large portion of his body. His wife received severe burns as well. After a month, she passed away from the injuries she sustained from the fire. Ellis remained in the Greenville Burn Center for a month and half before he was released. After a short period of time, he returned to his place of employment at the Mississippi State Penitentiary. The home that he had purchased for his family had burned down, so the Department of Corrections provided him with a house on the grounds for him and his two minor sons to live.

At this point, he made the decision not to attend Mississippi Valley State University due to the drive because he would have to commute. Being a single parent and still having to work, Ellis applied to Delta State University which was closer to where he was living at the penitentiary and he could make the daily commute. He commuted five days a week for three years until he graduated from Delta State University with a degree in criminal justice and political science.

Prior to graduation from Delta State University, Ellis applied to law school at Mississippi College, Thurgood Marshall School of Law, and the University of Mississippi School of Law. He was accepted for admission at all three law schools. However, he chose to attend the University of Mississippi—School of Law due to the financial aid available for African-American applicants. After obtaining his law degree and license to practice law, Ellis returned to the Mississippi Delta from Memphis, Tennessee and opened Pittman Law Office in Clarksdale, Mississippi in 1996 where he continues to practice to this day.

Ellis has given countless young lawyers, that have recently graduated with no experience and unable to find a job, a position at his law office to give them a start. He realized that most people will do well if given the chance which he learned from personal experience when he needed someone to give him a chance. There has not been a time when a newly admitted lawyer came to Ellis looking for job and was turned down for employment.

Ellis' practice has included representing countless individuals in cases for excessive force, employment discrimination, criminal defense, family law, as well as personal injury and wrongful death.

Attorney Will Ellis Pittman's work ethic, passion, dedication, dependability, and service have made him synonymous with being one of the best, if not the best, attorney around. At the end of the day, Ellis is recognized for his service to God, his family, his country, his community, and the people that seek his help.

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Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing Attorney Will Ellis Pittman for his dedication to serving this great state and country.

IN RECOGNITION OF LESTER D. M. CHUN

HON. JACKIE SPEIER

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, September 8, 2014

Ms. SPEIER. Mr. Speaker, I rise to honor Lester Chun who is retiring after 33 years as Instrumental Music Specialist for the Hillsborough City School District. Mr. Chun has shared his love of music with hundreds of students and opened their ears and hearts to this universal art form.

I witnessed his infectious style of teaching in my own son whom Mr. Chun taught for three years at Crocker Middle School. He describes him a musician through and through and a teacher who created a great environment for learning. My son remembers that he was jovial, yet didn't allow talking during class. "Practice makes perfect," Mr. Chun would say—and of course he was right.

You can honestly say that music is Mr. Chun's life. When not teaching with an inexhaustible enthusiasm, creativity and dedication, he plays trumpet and is a pit musician.

My son wasn't the only one recognizing his talent and passion. Mr. Chun has received numerous awards including the Hillsborough Community Care Award, TONY Award—Teachers Outstanding Nurturing Youth, BRAVO Award—S.F. Bay Area awards for the Arts, the Kent Award for innovative instruction, and the Golden Bell Award for eight years of publishing the Viking Weekly for Crocker Middle School.

Lester Chun was born in Honolulu, Hawaii in 1954. He attended Damien Memorial High School in Honolulu. When he moved to the mainland for his higher education, he didn't leave the Aloha spirit behind; it is part of his soul. He earned his BA in Music at the College of Notre Dame in Belmont and did his graduate work in Music History at the University of Southern California.

He started his position as Instrumental Music Specialist in 1981 and is a member of the Hillsborough Teacher's Association, the California Teacher's Association and the California Music Educator's Association.

In his well-deserved retirement, Mr. Chun is looking forward to spending more time with his wife of 34 years, Janet, and their daughter Clarissa.

Mr. Speaker, I ask the House of Representatives to rise with me to honor Lester D. M. Chun, an exceptional music teacher who makes his students' hearts dance with joy.

IN RECOGNITION OF THE JOB CORPS' 50TH ANNIVERSARY

HON. SANFORD D. BISHOP, JR.

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, September 8, 2014

Mr. BISHOP of Georgia. Mr. Speaker, it is my great honor to extend a heartfelt congratu-

lations to the students, staff and supporters of the Job Corps as they celebrate 50 remarkable years of educating and training at-risk youth. The Turner Jobs Corps Center in Albany, Georgia celebrated this milestone with a citywide Birthday Bash held on Wednesday, August 20, 2014 at 9:15 a.m. on the campus at 2000 Schilling Avenue in Albany, Georgia.

Job Corps is a no-cost education and training program that helps young people train for a career, earn a high school diploma or GED, and find and keep a good job. For eligible young people at least 16 years of age that qualify as low-income, Job Corps gives them the opportunity to learn skilled trades and provides them with the all-around tools needed to succeed in life.

Job Corps is authorized by Title I-C of the Workforce Investment Act of 1998 and is administered by the U.S. Department of Labor. There are 125 Job Corps center campuses located throughout the United States and Puerto Rico.

For the past 50 years, the Job Corps program has had an enormous impact on millions of young people throughout the nation. As the national economy continues to recover, it is important that young people have the training and education they need to find and maintain stable jobs. I am grateful for the Job Corps program and its mission to give at-risk youth a second chance, equipping them with the resources they need to succeed now and into the future.

I would like to especially recognize the Turner Job Corps Center in Georgia's Second Congressional District. I have worked closely with the Turner Job Corps Center and I have seen some of the best and most hard-working young adults in Georgia and across the country emerge from its doors.

I commend the Job Corps program and its dedicated staff for all the wonderful work they have done and will continue to do. I am so glad to have the Turner Job Corps Center in my District and I look forward to continuing to collaborate with the Center in working for our young people and our communities.

Mr. Speaker, in closing, I ask that my colleagues join me and the more than 700,000 residents of Georgia's Second Congressional District in expressing our collective and profound gratitude to the students, staff and supporters for their work to educate and train at-risk youth so that they have the opportunity to pursue good careers and lead successful lives.

RECOGNIZING MS. KATIE GLESSMAN

HON. LEE TERRY

OF NEBRASKA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, September 8, 2014

Mr. TERRY. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Ms. Katie Glessman. She is one of two top Junior Reserve Officers Training Corps (J.R.O.T.C.) cadets from Nebraska to receive the organizations highest commendation, the Legion of Valor Award.

A selection board reviews thousands of applications each year and total of twenty-nine awards were given out by the national J.R.O.T.C. program to receive this prestigious award. As a senior at Benson High School,

Ms. Glessman rose to the rank of Lieutenant Colonel to command a battalion within J.R.O.T.C. program. This amazing accomplishment recognizes the progress of leadership skills and scholarly knowledge within military and academic achievements within our nation's college preparation programs.

Not only has she reached tremendous heights in the military preparation program, but she is also involved with National Honor Society, Fellowship of Christian Athletes, and student government. This remarkable young lady has aspirations to attend West Point and continue to participate in officer preparation courses at a high level of education.

Mr. Speaker, please join me in congratulating Katie Glessman and the J.R.O.T.C. Mentors within Omaha Benson High School J.R.O.T.C. on this accomplishment. I know that they have set the standards high and have become a symbol for Nebraskans for years to come.

RECOGNIZING THE DOUGLASS INDIANS FOR CLAIMING STATE BASEBALL CHAMPIONSHIP TITLE

HON. LOUIE GOHMERT

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, September 8, 2014

Mr. GOHMERT. Mr. Speaker, it is with great pride today that I enthusiastically recognize the 2014 Douglass Indians Baseball Team on an outstanding season, in which they have attained the title of 2014 Texas State Class A Baseball Champions.

To end their thirty-three to one season, the Indians defeated Flatonia Bulldogs in a shut-out, with a final score of 10-0. Throughout this outstanding season the Indians had, in thirty-four games, allowed only thirty-four runs and scored themselves a dazzling three hundred seventy-seven. The team's batting average for the season was an impressive .392. All in all, the team set the school record for wins and secured the first and only state baseball championship in the school's history.

With the support of coaches, teachers, administrators and their entire community, these young men bear witness that anything is achievable through hard work and determination. These are guiding principles that lead to success not only on the field, but will undoubtedly resonate through every endeavor these valiant championship players undertake in their entire lifetimes.

Among the individual team members to be congratulated are Matthew Wallace, Logan Ammons, Cade James, Kolten Rhoudes, Grant Holland, Chase Dyson, Clayton Sestak, Trenton Carrigan, Bryce Westbrook, Bryce McLeod, Taylor Schroeder, John Sinz, Jake Spies, Hunter Lee, Brandon Stanfield, and Robert Campbell.

Douglass Indians' Team Manager Bonner Watson, Head Coach Eugene Lafitte, Assistant Coach Nick Freeman, and Principal Jeff Roquemore are to be praised for their support and unwavering leadership.

It is indeed an honor to join the constituents of the First District of Texas in congratulating the players and athletic staff of the 2014 Class A Champion Douglass High School Baseball Team. Their legacy is now recorded in the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD, which will endure as long as there is a United States of America.

RECOGNIZING THE ALABAMA
MOUNTAIN LAKES TOURIST AS-
SOCIATION FOR FIFTY YEARS OF
SERVICE

HON. MO BROOKS

OF ALABAMA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, September 8, 2014

Mr. BROOKS of Alabama. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to commend the Alabama Mountain Lakes Tourist Association on its fifty years of dedicated service and proclaim September 2014 as Alabama Mountain Lakes Tourist Association Month. Established in 1964, the Alabama Mountain Lakes Tourist Association's most important goal is to stimulate the economic and cultural development of North Alabama through the tourism and travel industry.

Representing the sixteen counties of North Alabama and an ever-expanding membership base, the Alabama Mountain Lakes Tourist Association is committed to expanding, and not duplicating, the objectives or efforts of local associations, organizations, and chambers of commerce that represent specific industry components.

The Alabama Mountain Lakes Tourist Association is committed to sharing with the rest of Alabama, the South and the nation the great attractions, festivals, restaurants, and other entertainment options that North Alabama has to offer. From the W.C. Handy Music Festival in Florence and Riverfest in Decatur to the U.S. Space and Rocket Center in Huntsville and the Limestone Sheriff's Rodeo in Athens, there is something for everyone to enjoy.

I congratulate the Alabama Mountain Lakes Tourist Association on their fifty years of unparalleled success and wish them well and best wishes as they continue to promote the North Alabama region.

TRIBUTE TO APLIN RIDGE
METHODIST CHURCH

HON. SHELLEY MOORE CAPITO

OF WEST VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, September 8, 2014

Mrs. CAPITO. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Aplin Ridge Methodist Church located in Gay, Jackson County, West Virginia, who is celebrating its 100th anniversary with a Centennial Celebration on September 20 and 21, 2014.

Aplin Ridge Methodist Church was constructed in 1914, built with hand tools by church members over several months. There was no electricity during construction, so lanterns were used by workers to illuminate the site during work at night. The land and the timber for the church were donated by Ester Aplin Waybright Thomas. The church was named for her father William Henry Aplin and was dedicated on November 2, 1914.

Charles Westfall, a member of the church remembers hearing stories of his father standing on a ladder holding a lantern, while putting the final touches on the steeple and securing the church bell in preparation for the church's grand opening. Others recall that during winter months, dozens of lanterns could be seen lighting the ridge as church members headed to Aplin Ridge Methodist Church on foot,

horseback or by wagon for evening worship services. Worshipers were warmed by a wood stove and the church was illuminated by oil lamps and candles until 1946, when electricity was made available. It is stories such as these, passed down from generation to generation, that enrich the history of the beloved church.

Many Aplin Ridge members answered the call to service for World Wars I and II, Korean and Vietnam Wars, Iraq and Afghanistan. The church survived and pulled together during many significant events, in addition to the wars, ranging from the Great Depression to Neil Armstrong's walk on the moon and the horrific attack on this country on September 11, 2001. Throughout its existence, Aplin Ridge Methodist Church has conducted hundreds of baptisms, weddings, and family celebrations. The church is proud of its 80 member congregation, of all ages, many of which are fourth generation members. The church is also known for its benevolence by providing substantial help and financial relief to community members experiencing difficult times. The motto of the Aplin Ridge Methodist Church follows the teachings of Jesus, "Love thy Neighbor."

Mr. Speaker, I would like to close by thanking Pastor Danny Cummings for his commitment to Aplin Ridge Methodist Church and its congregation for celebrating its greatness through this special Centennial celebration. Hopefully, this will be the beginning of the next 100 years of service Aplin Ridge Methodist Church will have as the spiritual, loving beacon of the community of Gay and Jackson County. I am truly privileged to serve such a distinguished group of West Virginians.

TRIBUTE TO THE MAULTSBY
FAMILY

HON. HENRY C. "HANK" JOHNSON, JR.

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, September 8, 2014

Mr. JOHNSON of Georgia. Mr. Speaker, I submit the following Proclamation.

Whereas, in the mid 1800's, the Maultsby Family settled in Bladen County, North Carolina; since that time, they have blessed us with descendants across the country who have helped to shape and mold our nation; and

Whereas, today we honor all of the matriarchs and patriarchs, who are pillars of strength for the Maultsby family; and

Whereas, in our beloved Fourth Congressional District of Georgia, we are honored to have many members of the Maultsby family who are some of our most productive citizens such as Ms. Marilyn Pruitt and Mr. Jerome Maultsby; and

Whereas, family is one of the most honored and cherished institutions in the world, we take pride in knowing that families such as the Maultsby family have set aside this time to fellowship with each other, honor one another and to pass along history to each other by meeting at this year's family reunion in Georgia's Fourth Congressional District; and

Whereas, the U.S. Representative of the Fourth District of Georgia has set aside this day to honor and recognize the Maultsby Family; now therefore, I, HENRY C. "HANK" JOHNSON, Jr., do hereby proclaim, July 25,

2014 as The Maultsby Family Reunion Day in the 4th Congressional District of Georgia. Proclaimed, this 25th day of July, 2014.

COMMEMORATING THE LIFE OF
MAESTRO LORIN MAAZEL

HON. ROBERT HURT

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, September 8, 2014

Mr. HURT. Mr. Speaker, on behalf of myself and Representative CAROLYN MALONEY, Representative MIKE DOYLE, and Representative MARCIA FUDGE, I submit these remarks to commemorate the life of Maestro Lorin Maazel, who passed away July 13, 2014 at the age of 84.

An American born in Paris in 1930, Maazel quickly became a child prodigy, beginning violin lessons when he was just five years old. At age seven, Arturo Toscanini invited him to conduct the NBC Symphony, and only five years later, he debuted at the New York Philharmonic. He conducted nearly all of the major American orchestras before he was 15 years old. At the age of 16, he began studying philosophy, language, and mathematics at the University of Pittsburgh, while also playing violin with the Pittsburgh Symphony to help pay his tuition.

He would go on to conduct more than 150 orchestras in at least 5,000 opera and concert performances during his career and make over 300 recordings. Maazel was the Artistic Director of the Deutsche Oper Berlin and the General Manager of the Vienna State Opera. He also served as the Music Director for the Cleveland Orchestra for 10 years, the Pittsburgh Symphony Orchestra for eight years, the Bavarian Radio Symphony Orchestra for nearly ten years, and the New York Philharmonic, America's oldest orchestra, for seven years.

Also a widely admired composer, Maazel wrote most of his operas over the last 15 years. His first opera, based on George Orwell's 1984, premiered at the Royal Opera House in London and later sold out its revival at La Scala in Milan.

Maazel shared his talents with the world, but he also believed deeply in mentoring the next generation of artists. Along with his wife, Dietlinde Turban Maazel, he founded the Castleton Festival in 2009, which was intended to be a "vista-opener," in his words, to nurture and mentor young musicians through annual summer performances and training seminars on their farm in Rappahannock County, Virginia. He was rehearsing and making preparations for this year's festival when he passed away at their home, Castleton Farms. His legacy will live on through the Castleton Festival and through all of the artists he mentored.

As Nina May, a member of the Castleton Festival Board of Directors wrote, "the maestro's life was based on years of giving—to the arts community, to young musicians who are called to their craft and to a world that wants to preserve the majesty of classical music."

Our thoughts remain with his wife, Dietlinde, and his seven children and four grandchildren. Congresswoman MALONEY, Congressman DOYLE, Congresswoman FUDGE, and I note

with great gratitude the life of a world-renowned musical icon.

HONORING ATTORNEYS TONEY
AND SHUNDA BALDWIN

HON. BENNIE G. THOMPSON

OF MISSISSIPPI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, September 8, 2014

Mr. THOMPSON of Mississippi. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor an outstanding, highly driven professional duo, Mr. and Mrs. Toney and Shunda Baldwin. Together, the Baldwins have established a reputable law firm with a primary focus of providing high quality legal services with integrity, professionalism, and respect for those they represent and the community.

Toney Baldwin obtained his Juris Doctorate degree in May of 2005 from Southern Law Center in Baton Rouge, LA. He moved back to Mississippi in June of 2005 where he began his career as a law clerk with the Honorable Dennis Sweet. He also clerked with Hinds County District Attorney Robert Smith. Toney Baldwin was admitted to the Mississippi Bar in 2006. Toney successfully operated and managed Toney Anthony Baldwin, PLLC as a sole practitioner.

In 2008, Toney was offered employment with Richard Schwartz and Associates, P.A. as a result of his zealous representation of a client concerning a personal injury case that was being handled by that firm. Toney received extensive training in the areas of personal injury and trial advocacy, including the NITA Trial Advocacy Program. Toney was the leading producer of attorneys' fees for 2 out of the 3 years that he was with the Schwartz firm. After realizing that the sky was the limit, Toney decided to practice with his wife, Shunda Baldwin.

Shunda Baldwin graduated in the top percentile of the 2004 class of Mississippi College School of Law. While completing the Juris Doctorate program, Shunda served as a member of Law Review and was the Clerk of the Moot Court Board. As a result of her academic excellence and outstanding community service, Shunda was offered a clerkship with Justice Jess Dickinson of the Mississippi Supreme Court. Shunda was admitted to the Mississippi Bar in 2004 and was also admitted to practice in the Federal District Courts and the Fifth Circuit Court of Appeals during that time. She has received various accolades, including: selection for Who's Who Among American Law Students; selection as student participant of the Charles Clark Inn of Courts; receipt of the Outstanding Service Award from the Magnolia Bar Association; and various nominations. Shunda has co-chaired and/or served on the Capital Area Bar Association's diversity committee during several administrations. Shunda Baldwin is regarded as one of the leading attorneys under the age of 40. For almost seven years prior to creating Baldwin & Baldwin, Shunda practiced for one of the largest and most prestigious defense firms in Mississippi.

Both Toney and Shunda take great pride and joy through their involvement with the community. Toney is an active member of Phi Beta Sigma Fraternity, Inc., while Shunda also engages in community service through her

membership with Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing Toney and Shunda Baldwin as remarkable attorneys in the Jackson Metropolitan area.

RECOGNIZING THE ALPHA DELTA
KAPPA INTERNATIONAL HONORARY
ORGANIZATION FOR
WOMEN EDUCATORS

HON. MO BROOKS

OF ALABAMA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, September 8, 2014

Mr. BROOKS of Alabama. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to commend the Alpha Delta Kappa International Honorary Organization for Women Educators on its sixty-seven years of dedicated service and proclaim October 2014 as Alpha Delta Kappa Month. Established in 1947, Alpha Delta Kappa's goals have been to establish high standards of education, give recognition to outstanding educators, build a fraternal fellowship among educators and to promote educational and charitable projects and activities enriching the lives of individuals everywhere.

With a membership of over 33,000 educators representing all fifty U.S. states, Puerto Rico, Canada, Mexico, Jamaica and Australia, Alpha Delta Kappa is committed to educational excellence, personal and professional growth and for collectively channeling their energies toward the good of their schools, communities, the teaching profession and the world.

Women in education constitute a great portion of the nation's working force and are constantly striving to serve their communities and nation in educational, cultural, and charitable programs leading to harmony, happiness, and peace among all people.

Over the last few years, the members of Alpha Delta Kappa have given altruistically to the communities they serve by raising nearly \$14.5 million and volunteering over 2 million service hours. Alpha Delta Kappa also biennially awards over a quarter of a million dollars through its 11 scholarship programs.

I congratulate Alpha Delta Kappa International Honorary Organization for Women Educators on their many years of unparalleled success and wish them well and best wishes as they continue to educate our children.

NATIONAL NIGHT OUT IN THE
CITY OF BULVERDE, TEXAS

HON. LAMAR SMITH

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, September 8, 2014

Mr. SMITH of Texas. Mr. Speaker, for the 31st year, the National Association of Town Watch is sponsoring an annual, nationwide crime, drug, and violence prevention program on October 7, 2014, entitled, "National Night Out". The City of Bulverde, which is located in the 21st Congressional District in Texas, will participate in this event for the ninth consecutive year.

National Night Out provides a unique opportunity for Bulverde, Texas, to join forces with

thousands of other communities across the country in promoting cooperative, police-community crime prevention efforts. Police-community partnerships, and neighborhood safety awareness and cooperation are important themes of National Night Out.

Congratulations to the City of Bulverde for participating in this important event and for assisting the Bulverde Police Department by promoting joint crime, drug, and violence prevention efforts. These efforts keep our communities, and our citizens, more safe and secure.

Credit goes to the citizens of Bulverde, Texas as they join the Bulverde Police Department and the National Association of Town Watch in supporting the 31st Annual National Night Out on October 7, 2014.

HONORING THE CENTENNIAL AN-
NIVERSARY OF THE VILLAGE OF
CHICAGO RIDGE

HON. DANIEL LIPINSKI

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, September 8, 2014

Mr. LIPINSKI. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the Village of Chicago Ridge, Illinois, which is celebrating its 100th anniversary this month.

The history of Chicago Ridge is indeed unique as its beginnings coincide with The Chicago World's Fair, which in 1893 commemorated the 400th anniversary of Christopher Columbus's arrival in the new world. Trainloads of dirt, brought out by way of the Wabash railroad for the construction of the fair, formed the ridges from which Chicago Ridge takes its name.

Settlement increased with the establishment of rail yards in Chicago Ridge and in 1914 the village was incorporated. The newly incorporated government moved quickly to make investments to improve infrastructure and transportation, paving the way for economic growth.

The village and its residents also host RidgeFest—an annual summer celebration that draws thousands from the Chicago metropolitan area to enjoy live music, fireworks, and time with family and friends.

Today's Chicago Ridge owes much to the steady leadership provided for almost four decades by Eugene "Gene" Siegel who served as mayor from 1975 until his retirement in 2013. Mayor Siegel guided the town through a revitalization and population boom. He established a full-time fire department and led the development of a public works facility and municipal complex. Gene Siegel's accomplishments during his tenure as Mayor provided the foundation for Chicago Ridge to flourish for years to come. Chicago Ridge now prospers under the leadership of Mayor Charles Tokar who previously served 24 years as Village Clerk and 14 years as a trustee.

I am proud to represent the Village of Chicago Ridge. I ask my colleagues to join me in honoring all of the citizens of the village as they celebrate the 100th anniversary. May they enjoy this centennial celebration and I look forward to many more years of growth and prosperity.

RECOGNIZING CORPORAL JEFF PAUL OF THE SOUTHLAKE POLICE DEPARTMENT

HON. KENNY MARCHANT

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, September 8, 2014

Mr. MARCHANT. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Corporal Jeff Paul of the Southlake Police Department in Southlake, Texas. Corporal Paul was honored yesterday, September 7th, by the Southlake Baptist Church during a special service for first responders. His years of selfless service, at times in the face of personal adversity, demonstrate his being an outstanding officer and citizen.

Corporal Paul was raised near Chicago but has lived in northeast Tarrant County, Texas, for 27 years. Paul began his career in law enforcement as a Police Explorer in the early 1980s and then quickly became a Public Safety Dispatcher. In 1983, he joined the Southlake Department of Public Safety and, after briefly being a Reserve Police Officer, became a full-time Police Officer. He helped implement the Southlake Police Department's first traffic division in 1989. Later on, in 2002, Paul became a Warrant Officer and Bailiff in the Southlake Municipal Court, and he continues to serve in that role.

In his time with the Southlake Police Department, Corporal Paul was trained as an accident reconstructionist and an Intoxilyzer operator. He is a graduate of the School of Police Supervision at the Institute for Law Enforcement Administration and has earned his Master Peace Officer Certification.

Paul is married with two sons and one grandson, and he thoroughly enjoys attending Dallas Stars hockey games as his favorite pastime.

Mr. Speaker, I ask all of my distinguished colleagues to join me in honoring Corporal Jeff Paul for his career of service and sacrifice.

HONORABLE RICHARD M. FREID

HON. BILL PASCRELL, JR.

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, September 8, 2014

Mr. PASCRELL. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the Honorable Richard M. Freid who was celebrated for his retirement from judicial service on Friday, August 8, 2014 by his friends, family, and coworkers. He retires after a long career in which he faithfully upheld New Jersey's Constitution.

The Honorable Richard M. Freid is a graduate of Paterson's Eastside High School, Montclair State College and Rutgers School of Law.

Judge Freid was motivated by his uncle, the late Judge Edwin J. Nyklewicz, who became a role model and mentor who pushed him to attend law school.

Early in his legal career he developed a specialization in the representation of law enforcement officers of all ranks from entry level officers through Police Chiefs. He served as personal counsel to five Chiefs of Police for the City of Paterson and in branches from local, county and state police departments in

all types of cases. Judge Freid enjoyed a perfect record of success in all of those cases which proceeded to a jury verdict.

He also served as Counsel to the Paterson Hispanic Police Association and as Counsel to the Italian-American Police Officers Association of New Jersey. He was a proud recipient of New Jersey PBA's Silver Card, its highest civilian award, in 1992 and still treasures many of the close friendships he made in the over 30 years of such service.

Judge Freid was appointed in 2004 by Governor McGreevy to the Superior Court of New Jersey and reappointed with tenure in 2011 by Governor Christie. He has served nine of his ten years on the bench in the Family Division and has sat in every case type possible in the Family Division except Juvenile Court.

His first year of judicial service was in Essex County where he was "taken under the wing" of Judge Peter Ryan who he credits with making his transition from Bar to Bench an easy one. Judge Ryan mentored him in both the application of the law but, more importantly, with how to approach each day on the bench with a common touch and with some degree of humor when the circumstance permitted. Judge Freid continues to experience their close friendship to this day.

Although Judge Freid was required to retire from regular active Judicial service at age 70 pursuant to the New Jersey Constitution, he sought reappointment to recall service. Chief Justice Rabner signed that order which permitted Judge Freid to continue to serve here in Passaic County until his retirement this year.

He was a lifelong resident of the City of Paterson until 1998 when he moved to Hawthorne and then to North Haledon in 2004, where he currently resides with his wife State Senator Nellie Pou. Together they have four children, Christopher Freid, Jennifer Jaworowski, Edwin Pou II, and Taina Pou, along with four grandchildren.

The job of a United States Congressman involves much that is rewarding, yet nothing compares to recognizing and commemorating the achievements of individuals like the Honorable Richard M. Freid.

Mr. Speaker, I ask that you join our colleagues, Hon. Judge Freid's family, friends, coworkers, and all those whose lives he has touched, and me, in recognizing the Honorable Richard M. Freid.

IN MEMORY OF MIKE HOPKINS,
SR.

HON. KEVIN BRADY

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, September 8, 2014

Mr. BRADY of Texas. Mr. Speaker, I stand today to honor Mike Hopkins, Sr.

He came into this world right outside the Texas state line on September 16, 1944, but became a Texan just as soon as he could.

Elizabeth Marie & David Flinnoy Hopkins raised a man who was a Texan deep in his heart—a man who leaves behind a legacy of achievement and purpose that his children embody.

Mike's son worked in my Washington, D.C. office and only left us to return to Texas to continue his education and start his family.

Clearly he was raised right by a father who considered serving his community not just a necessity, but an honor.

Mike's personal philosophy of "Pass-It-On" has led many across our state to do the right thing. Because a person's legacy is all about the foundation they built with their heart and their spirit, to do the right thing for the right reasons with integrity and character.

From Mike's early days in Galveston, to his studies at Texas A&M University, his service to our nation as a proud Marine, and then a community-minded business man, those who knew him and learned from him were blessed to have a true visionary as a mentor and a friend.

Many didn't know Mike was the personal driver for General O.R. Simpson. With hard work and determination, he went from Marine to barkeeper to successful businessman.

You don't win by giving up. Mike believed you won by outworking the other guy and using your head. Those who knew Mike knew his three A's of success: Ability, Aptitude and Ambition.

On July 14, 2014, Mike Hopkins, Sr. passed away peacefully in his sleep at his home in Brenham, Texas. Nina, his wife of nearly four decades was right by his side.

He leaves a strong legacy at Mike Hopkins Distributing Company and at the Wholesale Beer Distributors of Texas.

Our thoughts are with Nina, Holly, Mike Jr., and his grandson Tyler.

IN RECOGNITION OF THE 30TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE TOWNSHIP OF OCEAN HISTORICAL MUSEUM

HON. FRANK PALLONE, JR.

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, September 8, 2014

Mr. PALLONE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate the Township of Ocean Historical Museum as it celebrates its 30th anniversary this year. Since its founding, the Township of Ocean Historical Museum has continued to fulfill its mission of preserving and promoting local history through exhibits, archives, publications, events and educational programs. Its ongoing efforts are truly deserving of this body's recognition.

The Township of Ocean Historical Museum was officially incorporated on April 25, 1984 and was located in a classroom of the former Oakhurst School. The previous year, the Township of Ocean Historical Society, which was founded in 1970 to promote and preserve local, county and state history, merged with the Township of Ocean Historical Museum Association to establish the Museum. Over the years, the Museum continued to grow and in 2009, after several years of restoration, the Museum was opened in the historic Eden Woolley House.

Volunteers have been the backbone of the Museum since its beginning and continue to maintain and support it. It was a group of residents who had presented the community museum idea to the Board of Education in 1983. Volunteer efforts also helped advance the restoration of the Eden Woolley House through fundraising as well as some hands-on work. Today, the Museum boasts a membership of more than 400 families and many of the founding members are still active volunteers.

The Township of Ocean Historical Museum has grown considerably since it opened in a local classroom. It has two permanent exhibits and a third exhibit that changes annually; holds programs and events; produces a newsletter and much more. It is an important fixture to the community and has been recognized three times as the "Best Local Museum" by the Asbury Park Press Readers Poll.

Mr. Speaker, I sincerely hope that my colleagues will join me in recognizing the outstanding historical efforts of the Township of Ocean Historical Museum and congratulating it on 30 successful years.

HONORING JAMES BICEK ON HIS
70TH BIRTHDAY

HON. DANIEL LIPINSKI

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, September 8, 2014

Mr. LIPINSKI. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Mr. James Bicek, a very active resident of my district, who is celebrating his 70th birthday.

Jim Bicek was born on September 6th, 1944 in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. His family moved to the Chicago area shortly after his birth due to his father's military service. Since then, Jim has always lived in the area, growing up with his three younger siblings and raising his two daughters, Jennifer and Tricia.

Jim dedicated his professional life to the community he loved and pursued a career as a Sheriff's Deputy for the Markham Courthouse. He retired after 35 years of service on May 31st, 2009. While working at the courthouse Jim met Louise, and they married on September 19th, 2009, shortly after he retired. The two currently reside in Tinley Park, Illinois.

In his spare time, Jim is an avid singer. He began singing at the age of seven, following in the footsteps of his mother. For the past 11 years, Jim has been a member of a barber-shop chorus where he sings lead in the four-part harmony. Jim and his wife also volunteer as local senior advocates in their community.

Jim Bicek is a beloved and cherished husband, father, and grandfather to 11 grandchildren. I ask my colleagues to join me in wishing Jim Bicek a happy 70th birthday, and to thank him for being such a great contributor to his community and our nation.

RAYMOND SIPPLE RETIREMENT

HON. LOU BARLETTA

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, September 8, 2014

Mr. BARLETTA. Mr. Speaker, I congratulate Raymond Sipple on his retirement from the Bucks Township Board of Supervisors after 30 years of dedicated service.

Mr. Sipple was first elected to the Buck Township Board of Supervisors in 1980 and became chairman in January of 2000, a position he held until his retirement this past June. He is known as an honest man with a deep love for his community. A lifelong resident of our area, he worked tirelessly to ensure that the hard earned money of his constituents was spent wisely, going so far as to never

vote to raise taxes. Even though his dear wife Betty, who passed in 2012, is not here to mark this milestone with him, I know he is excited to enjoy his retirement with his children, Frankie, Joey, Jimmy, Ann Marie, and Kathleen, 14 grandchildren, and 11 great-grandchildren.

Mr. Speaker, for thirty years of exemplary civil service to the citizens of Bucks Township, I thank Mr. Sipple and wish him the best in his future endeavors.

TRIBUTE TO THE LEWIS SAXON
SHUBERT FAMILY

HON. HENRY C. "HANK" JOHNSON, JR.

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, September 8, 2014

Mr. JOHNSON of Georgia. Mr. Speaker, I submit the following Proclamation.

Whereas, In the late 1700's, the Lewis Saxon Shubert family began with their oldest known family ancestor Amy Sharpe in Burke County, Georgia; since that time, they have blessed us with descendants across the country who have helped to shape and mold our nation; and

Whereas, today we honor all of the matriarchs and patriarchs, who are pillars of strength for the Lewis Saxon Shubert family; and

Whereas, in our beloved Fourth Congressional District of Georgia, we are honored to have many members of the Lewis Saxon Shubert family who are some of our most productive citizens; and

Whereas, family is one of the most honored and cherished institutions in the world, we take pride in knowing that families such as the Lewis Saxon Shubert family have set aside this time to fellowship with each other, honor one another and to pass along history to each other by meeting at this year's family reunion in Atlanta, Georgia; and

Whereas, the U.S. Representative of the Fourth District of Georgia has set aside this day to honor and recognize the Lewis Saxon Shubert family; Now therefore, I, HENRY C. "HANK" JOHNSON, Jr., do hereby proclaim, July 20, 2014 as The Lewis Saxon Shubert Family Reunion Day in the 4th Congressional District of Georgia.

Proclaimed, this 20th day of July, 2014.

IN HONOR OF DR. EUNICE S.
THOMAS

HON. SANFORD D. BISHOP, JR.

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, September 8, 2014

Mr. BISHOP of Georgia. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor a distinguished public servant, devoted educator and dear friend to my wife, Vivian and me, Dr. Eunice S. Thomas. Sadly, Dr. Thomas passed away on Sunday, August 17, 2014. Her life will be celebrated at a funeral service on Friday, August 29, 2014 at 12:00 p.m. at First African Baptist Church in Columbus, Georgia.

Dr. Thomas worked for four cabinet level secretaries in the U.S. Department of Transportation, the U.S. Department of Labor, and

the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) during two consecutive United States Presidents' Administrations. At HHS, she worked as Acting Assistant Secretary for the Family Support Administration, managing a staff of more than 1,049 and a budget in excess of \$14 billion. She administered federal programs focused on strengthening families and increasing their self-sufficiency, including Aid to Families with Dependent Children, Child Support Enforcement, Refugee Resettlement, and the Community Services programs. She directed the Implementation of Welfare reform as was embodied in the Family Support Act in 1988.

Dr. Thomas retired from HHS as Director of the Office of Community Services Administration for Children and Families where she oversaw the Community Services Block Grant, Social Services Block Grant, the Low Income Home Energy Assistance, the Family Violence Program, Demonstration Partnership Programs, and the Community Discretionary programs while managing a budget in excess of \$5.9 billion.

Dr. Thomas loved her community and loved her sorority and found a way to give her all to both when she became the 19th International Grand Basileus of Zeta Phi Beta Sorority, Inc. in July 1986 at the 66th Anniversary Boulé. Her service led to one of Zeta's finest administrations, restructuring the organization and creating programs that reflected strong and effective leadership with integrity, compassion, and a sense of social responsibility. Programs were instated to address issues such as substance abuse, AIDS Awareness, lack of after school and child care, the decline of black men in college, and the rise in teen pregnancy rates. For her efforts, Ebony magazine named Grand Basileus Thomas one of the 100 Influential Black Americans each year from 1987 to 1992 and in 1987, President George H.W. Bush selected Zeta Phi Beta Sorority, Inc. as one of the "Thousand Points of Light." She was affectionately nicknamed the "Real Grand" because of the reverence so many Zetas had for her to the extent that the membership wanted to extend her term in office beyond the maximum six years, but she graciously declined. She was an active member of Epsilon Eta Zeta Chapter in Columbus, Georgia for over 45 years at the time of her death. She was instrumental in getting Kappa Epsilon Chapter chartered at Columbus State University (Columbus College) in 1974 while she was the Southeastern Regional Director.

In addition to her mentorship and guidance of Zetas of all ages, she touched and enriched the lives of countless young people during her time as an educator in the Muscogee County School System.

Dr. Thomas was more than a civil servant, she was a servant to all humankind. She gave herself to so many causes and organizations that are too numerous to mention. Dr. Maya Angelou once said that, "I've learned that you shouldn't go through life with a catcher's mitt on both hands; you need to be able to throw something back." Dr. Thomas threw a prodigious amount of love and service back to the Columbus, Georgia community and our nation that she loved so dearly.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues in the House of Representatives to join me, my wife, Vivian, and the more than 700,000 residents of Georgia's Second Congressional District in paying tribute to Dr. Eunice S. Thomas for her

outstanding contributions to her sorority, her community, and our nation. We extend our deepest sympathies to her family, friends and loved ones during this difficult time and we pray that they will be consoled and comforted by an abiding faith and the Holy Spirit in the days, weeks and months ahead.

IN HONOR OF ALICIA B. HARVEY-SMITH, PH.D. ON THE HONOR OF HER INAUGURATION AND INSTALLATION AS PRESIDENT OF RIVER VALLEY COMMUNITY COLLEGE

HON. ANN M. KUSTER

OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, September 8, 2014

Ms. KUSTER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in recognition of the inauguration and installation of Dr. Alicia B. Harvey-Smith as the 10th President of River Valley Community College in Claremont, New Hampshire. River Valley Community College has long been a paradigm of quality education in New Hampshire, and this event signifies the first inauguration in the history of the institution.

Dr. Harvey-Smith has long served as a leader in the academic community with more than a quarter century of experience and training in education. After her years serving as a dean and Vice President of Student Affairs at Baltimore City Community College, Dr. Harvey-Smith has proven her dedication to education and the creation of a world-class learning environment.

Founded in 1968, River Valley Community College has served as a provider for quality education in the state of New Hampshire. With an intensive environment which allows for individualized attention and flexible class schedules that accommodate the lives of busy students, River Valley Community College has proven its commitment to the improvement and expansion of minds.

Over the past decades, River Valley Community College has expanded to provide thirty-five career-oriented programs that provide students with highly specialized skills and knowledge crucial to achievement in the job market in a variety of business, technical, and health-oriented fields. With a sincere dedication to the development of educational programs such as these, River Valley Community College has improved the lives of countless students across the Granite State.

With this ethic in mind, Dr. Alicia Harvey-Smith is an ideal choice for the President of River Valley Community College. Under the dedicated leadership of Dr. Harvey-Smith, I am confident that River Valley Community College will continue to grow and serve the public. She is truly a role model to all of us, and an asset to the State of New Hampshire.

It remains an honor to represent River Valley Community College in Congress. I wish Dr. Harvey-Smith the very best and congratulate her on this proud occasion.

HONORING BARBARA KENDRICK,
FNP

HON. BENNIE G. THOMPSON

OF MISSISSIPPI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, September 8, 2014

Mr. THOMPSON of Mississippi. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor a resourceful and ambitious woman, Ms. Barbara Kendrick. Barbara has shown what can be done through hard work, dedication and a desire to serve others.

Ms. Kendrick was born in Chicago, Illinois, the youngest of nine children. She moved to Carthage, MS at five months old to live with her aunt and uncle upon the death of her mother.

Barbara earned her Bachelor of Science in Nursing in 1993 from Mississippi College and her Master of Science in Nursing in 2004 from Alcorn State University. She is certified through the American Accredited Nurses Association.

Barbara has practiced nursing for about 20 years; she has worked as a Family Nurse Practitioner for 10 years and has worked at the G. V. Sonny Montgomery VA Medical Center for 7 years. She has served about 933 veterans at the VA Medical Center. Barbara has a great appreciation for veterans because she was raised by her uncle who was a Korean Veteran.

Barbara is an active member of the American Nurses Association and volunteer with the American Kidney Foundation by conducting screenings. She also assists with outreach for Veteran enrollment. She is a member of Faith for Life Church located in Jackson, MS. Barbara enjoys singing gospel in her spare time.

Barbara lives in Clinton, MS along with her three sons. She strives every day to have a positive impact on her patients while remembering her motto, "If I can't help you, I'll find someone who can."

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing Ms. Barbara Kendrick for her passion and dedication to serving our great Country and a desire to make a difference in the lives of others.

LINGLESTOWN FIRE COMPANY
80TH ANNIVERSARY

HON. LOU BARLETTA

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, September 8, 2014

Mr. BARLETTA. Mr. Speaker, I congratulate the Linglestown Fire Company as they celebrate their 80th anniversary.

The Linglestown Fire Company was officially founded in 1934 after a local barn caught fire during the month of February. However, attempts to create a fire company for the area date back to the mid 1700s, at which time Linglestown was established as the third oldest community in Dauphin County. While the company began with simple technology and resources, it has continued to undergo many changes in an effort to better improve service for the people of Linglestown and the sur-

rounding areas. The Linglestown Fire Company is currently staffed by 52 active firefighters, as well as dozens of wildland firefighters, emergency medical technicians, fire police, and other members who provide support. These brave men and women repeatedly put their lives on the line to keep the people of Linglestown safe.

Mr. Speaker, on the 80th anniversary of its founding, I thank all of the members of the Linglestown Fire Company, past and present, for their continued efforts to protect the citizens of Linglestown and Dauphin County, and wish the organization many more years of successful service.

CELEBRATING MR. MERL DEAN
SWIHART 86TH BIRTHDAY

HON. JACKIE WALORSKI

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, September 8, 2014

Mrs. WALORSKI. Mr. Speaker, today I rise in honor of Mr. Merl Dean Swihart as he celebrates his 86th birthday. Merl is an extraordinary individual who has enriched the lives of many Hoosiers throughout Marshall County.

Merl was born in Argos, Indiana on July 7, 1928, to Ford and Faye Swihart, where along with his five siblings; spent their childhood working on the family's 80 acre farm. On the farm he helped raise livestock and tended to the crops. The values Merl learned while working on the family farm would have a profound impact on his future endeavors. Merl graduated from Argos High School in 1948. After high school Merl worked for two years at Indiana Metal and on his neighbor's farm. In 1951, Merl was called to serve his country and was drafted to the United States Marine Corps, where he served in Santa Ana, California at the Air Facility. In 1953, Merl was honorably discharged and returned to working for Indiana Metal and farming. Merl moved to Chicago where he used his G.I. Bill to further his education in agriculture at the Illinois School of Technology.

After several years in Illinois, Merl returned to Marshall County where he worked as a custodian and maintenance technician for Plymouth Community School Corporation for 36 years. Merl retired in 1993, and was awarded the key to the City of Plymouth for his dedicated service to the community. During his retirement Merl served as the Grand Marshall of Plymouth's Blueberry Festival Parade and generously donated his time and efforts to the community by mowing lawns, shoveling snow and volunteering to do handy work at the local church.

Throughout Merl's life, he has demonstrated a deep-rooted commitment to his family, friends and country. Our community owes a great deal of respect and gratitude to the incredible service of individuals like Merl who have devoted so much of their time to serve others.

Mr. Speaker, I ask that you join me in celebration of Mr. Merl Dean Swihart's 86th birthday and admirable service to our great communities and nation.

HONORING THE LIFE AND DEDICATED SERVICE OF COLONEL ROBERT "BOB" W. GATES, USAF RET.

HON. JEFF MILLER

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, September 8, 2014

Mr. MILLER of Florida. Mr. Speaker, on August 9, 2014, Northwest Florida and our Nation lost a warrior—Colonel Robert "Bob" W. Gates, USAF Retired. Colonel Gates, a devoted family man and decorated veteran, honorably served as a member of the Armed Forces for over thirty years. He was a member of the Greatest Generation and served in three wars. I am humbled to rise and pay tribute to his life, his unwavering commitment to service, and his dedication to our Nation's heroes and their loved ones.

Born in Bradley, South Dakota on January 23, 1919, Colonel Gates joined the Army Air Corps, prior to World War II, and was commissioned as a Second Lieutenant in the United States Air Force in April 1942. His various tours of duty included commander of the 88th Troop Carrier Squadron, a C-47 squadron that dropped paratroopers over Normandy on D-Day; commander of the 4087th Air Transport Group, tasked with providing air supply for the Distant Early Warning Line across the Arctic; and commander of the Huron Task Force, which established the Huron radar sites on the Greenland Ice Cap. Following his command of the 6200th Material Wing at Clark AFB in the Philippines, Colonel Gates became the first commander of the 1st Special Operations Wing at Hurlburt Field, located in the Florida Panhandle and home to the Air Force Special Operations Command, before serving as the Inspector General for the 13th Air Force.

During his distinguished career spanning three decades, Colonel Gates served in World War II, the Korean War, and the Vietnam War and logged over 16,000 flight hours in several aircraft, including his assignment to fly entertainer Bob Hope and crew on a USO tour around the world. Colonel Gates received a Presidential Citation from President Franklin Roosevelt and was awarded the Legion of Merit, the Distinguished Flying Cross, the Air Medal, the Army Commendation medal, the French Croix-de-Guerre, and the USO Spirit of Hope Award for his lifetime contributions to the USO. Under his leadership, the 1st Special Operations Wing was bestowed the Air Force Outstanding Unit Award, and Hurlburt Field was named the Most Improved Base in the Tactical Air Command.

Upon his retirement from the Air Force in 1972, Colonel Gates began a career in real estate and was integral in the construction of the Bob Hope Village, which provides home and care for Air Force widows. From 1978 to 1983, Colonel Gates served as mayor of Fort Walton Beach. He was a founder and charter member of The American Air Museum in Britain and the Air Armament Museum at Eglin Air Force Base, Florida, and was a member of various community and veterans organizations, including the Elks, Daedalians, Krewe of Bowlegs, Veterans of Foreign Wars, and Air Commando Association, which inducted Colonel Gates into its Hall of Fame.

To many, Colonel Gates will be remembered for his devotion to his country and com-

munity, and to his family and friends, a loving family man with a great sense of humor. Without question, Colonel Gates lived a life full of service and has earned our Nation's highest respect and gratitude.

Mr. Speaker, on behalf of the United States Congress, it is a privilege for me to honor Colonel Robert W. Gates' lifetime of service. My wife Vicki and I extend our prayers and sincere condolences to his children—Robert, Bill, Michael, Kimberly, and Kathleen; ten grandchildren—Paula, Robert W. Gates III, Steve, Matthew, Sarah, Mary Kathryn, Peyton, Austin, Trevor, and Kendall; ten great-grandchildren; his loyal companion, Lucky, his rescued dog; and the entire Gates family.

THANKING MY STAFF

HON. FRANK R. WOLF

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, September 8, 2014

Mr. WOLF. Mr. Speaker, it has been my honor and privilege to serve in this body for 34 years. I have come to the floor countless times over the years to speak out and help give a voice to the voiceless for humanitarian causes, to raise national and international policy issues, such as getting our nation's spending under control, bringing attention to national security threats, like terrorism and cyberattacks, and focusing on ways to protect children and families from the scourge of legalized gambling. I also have raised issues important to the people of the 10th District of Virginia, such as improving transportation, preserving historic sites and educating the public about health threats from Lyme disease.

Today, though, I take this opportunity to pay tribute to the dozens of men and women who have been on my staff over the years. As every Member knows, our jobs in the people's House would be next to impossible without the staff that works with us. I certainly would not have been able to accomplish so many of the projects and public policy initiatives I have been able to do without them by my side.

And in all honesty, if it were not for some loyal and dedicated staffers who stuck with me during my first term—when the growing pains of a new congressional office are the toughest—I am not sure I would have been re-elected early in my career.

I want to single out my first press secretary, Stephanie Bolick, who later became my chief of staff, or as we called it back then, my "AA" or administrative assistant. She may have been among the first women in a Hill office in the early 1980s to break that glass ceiling. I was blessed to find Stephanie, who helped me focus my work and build a foundation of public service. She was wise beyond her years and I am forever grateful to her for her counsel and for being there from the start.

I have been fortunate to have two long-tenured chiefs of staff. Charlie White was my top aide for 14 years, until cancer took his life in the summer of 2000. A retired Navy captain and submariner, Charlie had a heart of service and not only helped manage my office, but became a dear friend. A humble man, he had a way of putting everyone around him at ease. Even in the pain of illness, he inspired us by his grace. Charlie was a "Johnny Appleseed" kind of a guy. He was a mentor to young staff-

ers and sowed seeds of goodness and kindness to scatter to all those we meet in our lives.

I believe it was providential when Dan Scandling followed Charlie as my chief of staff. Dan had been the top aide to my Virginia colleague Herb Bateman, who died suddenly just four months before he was to retire from the House. Dan was just the right person at the right time. A trusted and loyal adviser and friend, he has been with me since late 2000.

When I would tell Dan that we needed to jump on a plane and get to a place in the world where people were suffering or war was imminent, he made it happen. He was there with me to document the trip in photos and write the report that I would share with House colleagues, leadership and the administration to help get the ball rolling to focus attention on a humanitarian cause. A superb journalist, Dan also has served as my press spokesman. He is indefatigable and a true professional and I cannot thank him enough for his counsel and public service.

I was a former staffer, both on Capitol Hill and in the executive branch. I know the daily grind—writing mail, stuffing envelopes, and answering phone calls from disgruntled constituents. Staffers are consumed by long hours with modest pay. Yet I also know how rewarding this job can be. So many of my staff over the years have told me that being in a position to help make people's lives better was really what counted the most.

I always said I wanted a staff that was on par with the late Senator Ted Kennedy's top-notch staff. There is no doubt in my mind that my staff was. I have no hesitation in saying I have had the best staff on Capitol Hill.

I have tried to treat my staff as family, whether they worked for me for only a year before heading off to law school or graduate school, or stayed with me for many years. I actually had two staffers who worked for me for more than 25 years. Judy McCary and Janet Shaffron served as the backbone of my office.

Judy was my longtime District director and worked more cases, particularly immigration cases, than you can count. Through the years I could rarely go anywhere in my District without someone thanking me for something Judy or someone else on my District staff did to solve a problem.

Judy, and all my District staff, were tireless—and continue to be tireless—advocates for the people of the 10th District, regardless of political strife. When you called my District staff with a problem, it didn't matter if you were a Democrat, an Independent or a Republican. You were a constituent and they were there to help.

Janet Shaffron was my legislative director for 28 years. She had an encyclopedic knowledge of every issue and every vote and was responsible for compiling my complete annual voting record, which I published for constituents. She was a whiz at parliamentary procedure and an extremely gifted writer and editor. Nothing rattled Janet. I don't think she ever had a bad day—even when she wore two hats and filled in as chief of staff, helping hold the staff together when Charlie became ill. My Washington staff adored Janet. She always was willing to help with a letter or speech. She was a mentor and always knew when to give a young staffer an encouraging word. And she

was always willing to tell me when she thought I was going in the wrong direction.

Judy and Janet stood with me through thick and thin. They were there in the early years during the fits and starts of a new office and in the years that followed helping celebrate legislative or district successes. Both beat me to retirement. I cannot thank them enough.

I also want to talk about what is perhaps the hardest job in any congressional office—that of scheduler. I have had some great ones. Fortunately, they were blessed with patience and great attitudes because managing my schedule—and, of course, me—was never easy. I know I probably never told them enough how much I appreciated them and their loyalty. So today I say thank you to those incredible staffers.

As I approach retirement, I have reflected on the many issues with which I have become involved, and perhaps the one with the greatest visibility—especially on the international level—has been my work in the area of human rights. When I came to Congress, human rights, religious freedom and speaking out for the voiceless were not on my radar. But a trip to famine-riddled Ethiopia in 1984 when I held an emaciated child dying of hunger brought me new perspective. And while I was not happy with Charlie when he infamously told *The Washington Post*: “He does [local] transportation so he can do [international] human rights,” he was probably on to something.

Working on human rights and religious freedom issues has been some of my most rewarding work in Congress and right there with me were probably a dozen staffers who handled my human rights and foreign affairs portfolio over the years. I believe I have made a difference, but I couldn't have done it without the help of those staffers, who, to a person, shared my passion for humanitarian causes. They spent hours upon hours upon hours writing letters, preparing speeches, planning hearings, making phone calls, advising on strategy, meeting with dissidents and the oppressed and listening to tragic stories. I am proud of their work to help change lives for the better and to give a voice to the voiceless and I express my deep appreciation to each one.

I would be remiss if I didn't mention Lucy Norment, who took over for Judy, and Tom Culligan, who replaced Janet, for the work they have done since assuming new roles in the office. Thank you.

I tried to build camaraderie among my staff and believe our successes can be attributed to teamwork and the Harry Truman adage that it's amazing what you can accomplish if you don't care who gets the credit. Everyone who has worked for me—whether answering phones, doing data entry, tracking legislation, formulating policy, working cases or managing my offices—has made a difference.

They also made my job easier, and for that, I am eternally grateful.

I want to take this opportunity to submit the names of all my staff through the years for history to see:

Tom Alexander, Jennifer Allen, Elyse Bauer Anderson, Julia Angelotti, Anne McClure Babson, Torrey Babson, Evan Baehr, Laurie Battle, John Beed, Andrew Bender, Nancy Suzich Bennett, Pat Bennett, Abby Berg, Debbie Blinn, Stephanie Bolick, Johnathan Bolls, Lisa Boothe, Jim Boyle, Kellie Malloy Boyle, Shelly Bressler.

Tom Brooke, Matthew Brown, Karen Burke, Teresa Burney, Jim Burroughs,

Bridget Bustillos, Mary Ann Cannon, Jane Cantus, Dan Caprio, Mike Carlin, Jessica Carlton, Ted Cartwright, Stacey Chuma, Bob Clark, John Cole, Barbara Comstock, Melinda Bohn Conner, Mary Ann Cook, Evan Corcoran.

Pat Cox, Judy Hammond Craun, Donna Crowley, Tom Culligan, John Cusey, Jack Czerwinski, Chris Darling, Bryan Deoms, Dave Dettoni, Karen Foster Dick, Jeffrey Dingman, Brett Dody, Bennett Donovan, James Dornan III, Philip Draper, Ben Dutton, David Farajollahi, James Farel, Amy Farrel.

Susan Feaster, Karen Feaver, Larry Fineran, Marna Fisher, Dot Fleshman, Scott Flipse, Lee Kerr Fonvielle, Karen Foster, James Freik, Johnathon Friel, Tom Fulcher, James Gallagher, James Gallahan, Fernande Gebbs, Jill DiPuccio Giles, Geoff Gleason, Shannon Green, JT Griffin, Kristin Erb Griffin.

Suzanne Grimsley, Steve Hall, Andrew Hart, Susan Bullard Harmon, Buzz Hawley, Diana Haynes, Nancy Bennett Haynes, Bob Healey, Nancy Bruce Herbolzheimer, Tom Herrity, Heather Hixson Hershberger, Elise Ho Phuong, Sewell Hoff, Elizabeth Hoffman, Lynne Holden, Mike Holtz, Deborah Horness, Robert Houston, Lori-Beth Feld Hua.

Wayne Huggins, Carol Hughes, Peyton Hughes, Rosanne Dupras Hughes, Anne Campbell Huiskes, Wes Irvin, Michael Jackson, Jennifer Jacobsen, Jessica Jelgerhuis, Kevin James, Laurie Jenkins, James Jennings III, Fay Johnson, Gail Hoskins Johnson, William Troy Jones, Virginia Jones, Andrew Kauders, Cindy Rockholt Klapmust, Ramona Kledzik.

Heather Kolasch, Stephen Korfonta, Jill Kriser, Patrick Larkin, Mira Lezell, Caitlin Lietzan, Michael Linster, Marge Lynch, Tom Lynch, Charlie Lyons, Anne MacKenzie, Elizabeth Maier, Kellie Mallory, Christina Mangano, Will Marlow, Jeff Mascott, Robert McAdam, Judy McCary, Cheryl McCullough.

Mark McElwee, Barbara McGuire, Meghan Wedd McGuire, Joe McNulty, Justin Mentzer, Becky Earle Middleton, Molly Jurmu Miller, Bill Mims, Janet Minkler, Kenneth Minnick, Jen Foth Moody, Donald Morrissey, Tom Morr, Roger Morse, Will Moschella, Stacy Neal, Gracie Nelson, Debra Nesbitt, Ed Newberry.

Lucy Norment, William Palmer, Hae Park, Keith Pavlick, Angela Pecario, Kristin Peck, Anne Peters, Brendan Pevarski, Jillian Pevo, Rita Pfeiffer, Mark Planning, Ivan Plis, Ann Potacnak, Jan Powell, Brianna Puccini, Sara Boney Ratcliff, Elizabeth Becker Reiter, Denise Richardson, Ralph Rinaldi, Pat Russell.

Melinda Sadler, Colin Samples, Tom Santaniello, Chris Santora, Dan Scandling, Courtney Haller Schlieter, Meredith Schultz, Steve Schwartz, Janet Shaffron, Jill Shatzen, Neil Siefing, Sharon Snyder, Tim Starr, Dave Stegmaier, Kalinda Stephenson, Mike Stevens, Samantha Stockman, Katy Summerlin, Julie Sussman, Laura Swett, Melissa Temeles.

Susan Thompson, Randy Tift, Clark Unger, Sharon Vasky-Smith, Chris Walker, Linda Rollins Wallace, Jeff Walton, Elizabeth Ward, Brinton Warren, George Webb, Charlie White, Laura White, David Whitestone, Stiles Wilkins, Melinda Wilson, Craig Whitham, Sean Woo, Ralph Wunder, John Zemaitis.

HONORING CAPTAIN ANDREW
BUDUO III

HON. JAMES P. MCGOVERN

OF MASSACHUSETTS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, September 8, 2014

Mr. MCGOVERN. Mr. Speaker, on behalf of a grateful nation, I rise today to honor Captain Andrew Buduo III as he retires from the United States Navy after proudly serving our country for thirty years.

Captain Buduo completed a bachelor's degree in mathematics and physics from St. Lawrence University. He began his distinguished career with the United States Navy in 1984 after graduating from Aviation Officer Candidate School in Pensacola, Florida, and receiving his commission. Captain Buduo was designated as a Naval Aviator in 1986, and reported to Helicopter Mine Countermeasures Squadron 12 for flight training in the RH-53D airborne mine countermeasures helicopter.

Captain Buduo reported to his first Fleet squadron, Helicopter Mine Countermeasures Squadron (HM-14) where he served as Aircraft Division Officer and Staff Mine Warfare (Tactics) Officer. During his tour, he deployed onboard USS *Guadalcanal* and USS *Okinawa* in support of Operation Earnest Will—the “Tanker War” of 1987/1988. Subsequently he reported to the Coastal Systems Station, Panama City. In 1983 he reported onboard the USS *Belleau Wood* eventually working his way up to Mini Boss. As the Mini Boss, he participated in Operation United Shield—the final withdrawal of coalition forces from Somalia during March of 1995.

Following his ship tour, Captain Buduo reported to the Command and General Staff College in Ft. Leavenworth, Kansas, where he earned his Joint Professional Military Education Phase I qualification. He returned to HM-14, serving as safety officer and aircraft maintenance officer.

In November 1998, Captain Buduo reported to the Airborne Mine Defense Program Office where he served in positions of increasing leadership responsibility. In May 2002, he moved to the Chief of Staff, Program Executive Office, Mine and Undersea Warfare billet.

In March 2003, Captain Buduo reported to the Helicopter Mine Countermeasures Squadron FIFTEEN (HM-15) where he served as Executive Officer until he assumed command in April of 2004. While XO, he deployed to the Mediterranean in support of Operation IRAQI FREEDOM where he embarked USS *Cleveland* with HM-DET ONE. During his over two years onboard, HM-15 won the Navy “E” award twice and assumed responsibility for a four-helicopter detachment permanently forward deployed to Bahrain.

In April 2005, Captain Buduo reported to the Naval Sea Systems Command, where he served as Director, POM Integration Division, and later as NAVSEA's POM Integration Lead. He subsequently assumed command of Naval Surface Warfare Center, Panama City Division in September of that year.

Four years later, in November of 2009, Captain Buduo assumed command of Indian Head Division Naval Surface Warfare Center. After nearly three years in command at Naval Surface Warfare Center, Captain Buduo was assigned to the Navy Combat Identification Capabilities Division at the Pentagon where he ultimately served as Director.

Among his many accomplishments, Captain Buduo is entitled to wear the Legion of Merit, Meritorious Service Medal with 1 gold star, Navy Commendation Medal with 2 gold stars, Navy Achievement Medal, and other service awards.

Our country is stronger and safer because of the courageous men and women of our armed forces who dedicate their lives to protecting and defending our beloved country. I'm honored to stand today to recognize Captain Buduo's exemplary service on behalf of the United States of America, and I am more grateful than I can express for his service.

Mr. Speaker, as the Representative of Captain Buduo's hometown of Worcester, Massachusetts, I ask my colleagues to join me in honoring Captain Buduo's accomplishments and service to our nation. He is a proven leader and a credit to his family, the Commonwealth of Massachusetts and the United States of America. As he retires from military service, we wish Captain Buduo well, along with his wife, Charlene, as they look forward to this next chapter in their lives.

RECOGNIZING DOROTEO "D.M." MARTINEZ

HON. MICHELLE LUJAN GRISHAM

OF NEW MEXICO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, September 8, 2014

Ms. MICHELLE LUJAN GRISHAM of New Mexico. Mr. Speaker, I rise to honor Doroteo "D.M." Martinez, a dedicated public servant, proud family man, and devoted community leader, as he celebrates his 96th birthday.

D.M. grew up in the small town of Roy, New Mexico—a village of just over 300 people, and dedicated his life to the service of others, in both his local community and across the state of New Mexico. I was fortunate to work with D.M. when I was the state's Secretary of Aging, and I found him to be an intelligent, respected, and resolute individual. With D.M. and Travis Wood's help we were able to establish the Travis Wood Senior Center in Roy and provide support services to the senior community there.

Throughout his life, D.M. has continued to blaze trails in New Mexico, serving as President of the New Mexico Rural Electric Cooperative Association, member of the Roy School Board, Chair of the Democratic Party of New Mexico, organist for his local church, and an active member of the American Legion, all while remaining an avid farmer and rancher.

D.M. personifies the idea that with hard work, persistence, and dedication nothing is unattainable. It is individuals like D.M. that make our country strong, and his vision and accomplishments serve as an inspiration for future generations of New Mexicans. D.M. truly has lived his life to the fullest and demonstrates the impact that one individual can have on an entire community.

Mr. Speaker, I want to join his family and friends in celebrating all that D.M. has accomplished in 96 wonderful years and looking forward to the many more to come.

CELEBRATING THE 30TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE MID CITIES PREGNANCY CENTER

HON. KENNY MARCHANT

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, September 8, 2014

Mr. MARCHANT. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to mark the 30th anniversary of the Mid Cities Pregnancy Center in Euless, Texas. In its history, MCPC has ministered to over 70,000 women by providing Christ-centered counseling, professional medical services, and connections with resources to help as many as possible choose life for their preborn child.

MCPC began in the First Baptist Church in Euless, Texas. First known as the "Crisis Pregnancy Center," it was inspired by the preaching of Dr. James T. Draper in January of 1984. On August 20, 1984, after prayerful consideration, a small group of church staff and laymen opened the center to begin its life-saving ministry of outreach to any woman experiencing an unplanned pregnancy. Sixteen were served in the first month and were lovingly provided Biblical counseling by volunteers as well as community resources and options.

Since then, MCPC has grown tremendously and done great work as one of the first Christian pregnancy centers in the Dallas/Fort Worth metroplex. In 2006, the Center was awarded a grant by Focus on the Family and Dr. James Dobson for a new ultrasound machine. Their site visit report included a positive review of practices and a recommendation that led to MCPC's incorporating independently. First Baptist Church continued to provide leadership to the center through board membership majority and ongoing support of their pregnancy mission. On March 26, 2009, the Center, after having operated in North Richland Hills for a time, opened a satellite facility in Irving, Texas. Not long after, the new opening was met by another generous grant for a new ultrasound machine. Three professional ultrasound techs joined the MCPC staff. Last year, MCPC's main office returned to Euless and moved into a new 7,800 square-foot building in the city's hospital district. A full-time nurse manager was added to supervise a staff of volunteer professional registered nurses to ensure that each client received medical attention and prenatal education.

Over the years, MCPC has helped promote health, security, life, and the Gospel for women in need. Of the 70,000 whom they have worked with, 40% had positive pregnancy tests, 25,000 said they would choose life as a result of MCPC's ministry, and thousands of others have received the Christian faith. In the future, MCPC plans to work even harder to specifically reach out to women in underserved communities who are the most desperate for hope and direction. This effort will include the use of a mobile unit that was donated last year.

Mr. Speaker, it is with a sense of gratitude for their good work in my district's communities that I ask all of my distinguished colleagues to join me in celebrating the 30th anniversary of the Mid Cities Pregnancy Center.

CELEBRATING THE 50TH ANNIVERSARY OF ORION INDUSTRIES

HON. MIKE QUIGLEY

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, September 8, 2014

Mr. QUIGLEY. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the long and distinguished career of Bruce Nesbitt. Fifty years ago, Mr. Nesbitt founded Orion Industries in his parent's basement on the Northwest side of Chicago by first applying coating to race car engine parts. He convinced any friends, relatives, and initial suppliers that would listen to his sales pitch to buy stock in his coating company. Today, Orion Industries applies Teflon coating on consumer bake ware, automotive, and industrial products and has grown from 3 employees to 138. Orion Industries continues to grow and create jobs in Chicago and recently announced relocating to a larger facility in the Fifth District to accommodate its booming production. Needless to say, those initial shareholders that believed in Bruce made a handsome return on their investment in what is now a leader in the industrial coatings industry.

The success of Orion Industries is due to the entrepreneurial creativity and work ethic of its founder who can often be found at his plant's in-house laboratory. Mr. Nesbitt was educated in public high schools and colleges on the Northwest side of Chicago. Even though he never received a college degree, Mr. Nesbitt holds 31 U.S. Patents and has 9 pending, earning him membership in the Chicago Entrepreneurial Hall of Fame. Under Mr. Nesbitt's leadership, Orion Industries was awarded the DuPont Plunkett Award for Industrial Innovation this past year. Amidst all these titles and distinctions, Mr. Nesbitt was also given the unofficial title of CTO, "Chief Tinkerologist" by his employees at Orion Industries. Best of all, Bruce remains a hard-working and humble "Chicago guy" amidst all his success.

Bruce would be the first to tell you that his family is his first priority, and they have provided support for all of his activities. His family includes his two daughters; Amber, her husband Ben Wood and their two children, Brecon Michael and newborn, Gwyneth Adele, and Greer and her husband, William Swearingen.

He and Diane Jacobson continue to reside in Chicago and support numerous local charities and civic organizations like the Time Line Theatre and Adaptive Adventures.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing Mr. Bruce Nesbitt and Orion Industries on the 50th anniversary of the company's founding. It is always encouraging to see someone follow their passion, open a successful business, and give back to their community. I wish Mr. Nesbitt and all the employees at Orion Industries the best of luck in their future endeavors.

RECOGNIZING THE FORT WALTON BEACH HIGH SCHOOL CHEERLEADERS AS 1A EXTRA LARGE VARSITY DIVISION STATE CHAMPIONS

HON. JEFF MILLER

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, September 8, 2014

Mr. MILLER of Florida. Mr. Speaker, I am proud to congratulate the First Congressional District of Florida's Fort Walton Beach High School Vikings for winning the Extra Large Varsity 1A Division State title at the Florida High School Athletic Association (FHSAA) Cheerleading State Championship on January 31, 2014. This victory marks Fort Walton Beach High School's 10th state title at the FHSAA Cheerleading State Championship.

Truly an outstanding team effort put forth by all twenty-nine members, under the leadership of their talented coaches, Ms. Rachel Pritchard and Ms. Natalie Schmidt, there is no question that several performances contributed to the overall title. Even weather delays could not dampen the young men and women's motivation and concentration. When they finally took the stage in Kissimmee, the Vikings excelled at the competition. They scored 92.65 out of 100 in the preliminaries before claiming their victory in the Extra Large Varsity division and before hurrying back to Fort Walton Beach High School to cheer on the Girl's Basketball team in the District Finals.

I commend the young men and women of the cheer team—Alexa Allen, Kate Blanchard, Kacie Daugherty, Amilia Dubbs, Alexus Flores, Sidney Freeman, Alexa Gaddis, Mary Gashaw, Niki Grater, Jesi Harrell, Ashley Holz, Kristin Hyder, Justice Jones, Lindie Landinham, Tyla Lane, Natalie Lawson, Kaycee Lewis, Jamie Miglionico, Cathryn Palenske, Ashley Pullen, Jordyn Purifoy, Bailey Rathmann, Cassidy Raven, Alexis Richardson, Lauren Rigdon, Hannah Robertson, Darien Shoults, Hannah Steece, and Courtney Triplett—for both challenging themselves and setting an example for their fellow students and youth in our community.

Fort Walton Beach High's victory at the Florida High School Athletic Association Cheerleading State Championship is a testament to the commitment and dedication of all the members of the team, and it is a great reflection on the entire Fort Walton Beach and greater Northwest Florida community. On behalf of the United States Congress, my wife Vicki and I congratulate the Vikings for this extraordinary accomplishment and wish them continued success.

HONORING MARTIN GILCHRIST

HON. HENRY C. "HANK" JOHNSON, JR.

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, September 8, 2014

Mr. JOHNSON of Georgia. Mr. Speaker, I submit the following Proclamation.

Whereas, in the mid-1800s, Martin Gilchrist migrated from Churchville, West Virginia to Jefferson County, Mississippi and shortly after the Civil War, he married the love of his life; the union of Martin Gilchrist and Gracie Net-

ties Gilchrist began the Gilchrist family in Jefferson County, Mississippi, which has blessed us with descendants that have helped to shape our nation; and

Whereas, the Gilchrist family has produced many well-respected citizens and five of the patriarchs and matriarchs of the family were born to Martin and Gracie Gilchrist. The children were Martin, Geoid, Joanna, Evalene and Marie all of whom served as pillars of strength for the Gilchrist family; and

Whereas, in our beloved Fourth Congressional District of Georgia, we are honored to have members of the Gilchrist family, including Ms. Doretha McGlory one of our most beloved citizens in our District; and

Whereas, family is one of the most honored and cherished institutions in the world, we take pride in knowing that families such as the Gilchrist family have set aside this time to fellowship with each other, honor one another and to pass along history to each other by meeting at this year's family reunion in DeKalb County, Georgia; and

Whereas, the U.S. Representative of the Fourth District of Georgia has set aside this day to honor and recognize the Gilchrist family in our District; now therefore, I, HENRY C. "HANK" JOHNSON, Jr. do hereby proclaim July 11, 2014 as Gilchrist Family Reunion Day in the 4th Congressional District.

Proclaimed, this 11th day of July, 2014.

HONORING NOLAND SMITH

HON. BENNIE G. THOMPSON

OF MISSISSIPPI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, September 8, 2014

Mr. THOMPSON of Mississippi. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Mr. Noland Smith who is a native Jacksonian and was reared in the Virden Addition Community. He attended Lake, Brinkley and G. N. Smith Elementary Schools. He continued his education at Lanier High and graduated from Brinkley High School. Continuing his education, he graduated from Tennessee State University.

Mr. Smith played professional football with the Kansas City Chiefs and the San Francisco 49'ers.

He has had tenure with the City of Jackson in the Public Service Careers Department. He has served as Director of Youth Division/Allied Service Department, Contract Supervision-CATEC and Employer Service Representative.

Mr. Smith has received many special honors: Inducted into the Tennessee State University Hall of Fame, March of Dimes Hall of Fame, Heart of Gold Volunteer Award, Co-Founder/Co-Chairman of the National Football League Player Association of Mississippi Chapter and received the Jefferson Award for Community Service sponsored by Cablevision. He retired as the coordinator of the Medgar Evers Community Center.

Mr. Noland Smith is married to Gloria J. McKinnie Smith and they have three children: Nolan Jr., Tonya and Kelvin.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing Mr. Noland Smith.

IN HONOR OF COMMANDER ERIK FRANZEN

HON. JUAN VARGAS

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, September 8, 2014

Mr. VARGAS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Commander Erik Franzen for his outstanding and invaluable service to his community and the United States of America, as he embarks on a new mission at his next command, Naval Weapons Station Seal Beach.

Commander Erik Franzen began his naval career in 1991 after graduating from San Diego State University with a Bachelor of Arts degree in Liberal Studies and was commissioned through the NROTC program.

In 2010, Commander Erik Franzen reported onboard the Naval Air Facility (NAF) El Centro as the Executive Officer. He later assumed command of the installation on July 1, 2013 and spearheaded several infrastructure improvements to NAF El Centro. These enhancements included a complete remodel of the Naval Exchange Building and the Take 5 coffee shop, an overhaul of the sports complex, installation of artificial turf on the sports field and sundry improvements to workspaces throughout the base.

As a result of Commander Erik Franzen's guidance and leadership, NAF El Centro has increased in mission capability, improved customer service to visiting detachments and seen a tremendous boost to the overall morale of the base. I applaud Commander Erik Franzen for his distinguished service to NAF El Centro, the Imperial Valley, and the nation.

REMEMBERING THE LIFE OF JOE SCHNEIDER

HON. TAMMY DUCKWORTH

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, September 8, 2014

Ms. DUCKWORTH. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the life of Joe Schneider. The recent emotion and debate surrounding immigration in the U.S. has detracted from some great stories about those immigrants who helped to found and shape this country. I would like to share a story about one of those immigrants.

Joe Schneider was born in Kernei, Yugoslavia in 1929. While his father was off fighting in World War II, Joe led his displaced family on a journey throughout Yugoslavia, Czechoslovakia, Hungary and ultimately Vienna, Austria. As refugees, the war years were extremely challenging and although he lost a leg at age 15, he never lost his desire or ability to support and lead his mother and four younger siblings.

His family was given the opportunity to leave Austria and arrived in the U.S. as immigrants in 1951. Joe was extremely proud of his German heritage but his love for this country was something he never stopped talking about. Without speaking a word of English and missing a leg he set out to start working as a tailor. He often talked about living in the land of opportunity and how it afforded anyone and everyone the chance to start and own their own business. He finally lived his dream when

he founded Joe's Tailor Shop at age 50. For more than 25 years, Joe's small family business created employment and provided for more than 20 families.

In 1953, Joe met Katharina Schaeffer, who was also an immigrant from Kernei. They had three children, Hermann (Christine), Robert and Monica (John) as well as three grandchildren, Michael, Lauren and Megan. The family was blessed to be able to celebrate Joe and Katharina's 60th wedding anniversary in February of this year.

For the past ten years Joe had been the President of the Kerneier Pleasure Club in Chicago. As a leader in Chicago's German-American community, he balanced the preservation of old world traditions with a love and belief in the American way of life. The recent World Cup soccer match between the U.S. and Germany could have created a conflict but Joe clearly supported Team USA.

I'm not sure he had a bucket list but I do know he had watched a family grow and flourish, experienced all the richness life can offer, and was able to look back with very few regrets. I also know the investment he made in his family and friends paid dividends throughout his whole life. Although he will be sadly missed, his love for his country and family will live on forever.

CONGRATULATING THE LIONS CLUB OF RICHMOND, INDIANA

HON. LUKE MESSER

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, September 8, 2014

Mr. MESSER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the Lions Club of Richmond Indiana on its 90th Anniversary.

Lions Clubs International is the world's largest service club organization. These clubs provide invaluable services to people in communities across the county and around the globe. Lions Clubs help to fight blindness, protect the environment, feed the hungry, and assist seniors and people with disabilities. The Richmond Lions Club has been an asset to people in east-central Indiana, serving this community for nearly a century.

This outstanding achievement would not have been possible without the dedication, commitment and vision exhibited by today's club members and those over the past 90 years. These community leaders who diligently serve for the good of the public set an example for all Hoosiers to follow.

I ask the entire 6th Congressional District to join me in congratulating the Lions Club of Richmond, Indiana on its 90th Anniversary and thanking them for their continued service. I have no doubt that the extraordinary individuals who make up this great institution will be serving the people of Richmond for many more years to come.

RECOGNIZING THE PAXTON LADY CATS AS CLASS 1A BASKETBALL STATE CHAMPIONS AND HONORING THE LIFE AND DEDICATED SERVICE OF COACH RANDY INFINGER

HON. JEFF MILLER

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, September 8, 2014

Mr. MILLER of Florida. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the First Congressional District of Florida's Paxton School girls basketball team for winning the Class 1A Basketball State Championship and honor the life of Coach Randy Infinger.

The Paxton Lady Cats ended a spectacular season with a record of 26-3 to clinch this year's state championship. The final game was played against Chipley High School on February 20, 2014, in Lakeland, Florida, with the Lady Cats claiming victory with a score of 39-34. Many of the exceptional plays leading up to the victory occurred in the final quarter of this tightly contested championship game. Senior Emily Murray scored a game-high 20 points on the strength of four 3-pointers, including a game-winning three pointer with just 38 seconds left on the clock. With their victory, the Lady Cats secured Paxton's fifth girls basketball state championship, moving them into fifth place on the all-time Florida girls basketball championship list. Their latest state championship marks another proud moment in the sports history of Northwest Florida high school basketball.

Sadly, on February 23, 2014, four days after their extraordinary victory, the Paxton Lady Cats and the entire Paxton community were struck by tragedy when long-time Paxton Assistant Coach Randy Infinger passed away. Throughout his dedicated 25-year career at Paxton School, Mr. Infinger coached several teams and touched the hearts of countless students and teachers. His contributions to Northwest Florida and Paxton School were truly exceptional, and his legacy will not be forgotten.

On behalf of the United States Congress and the citizens of Northwest Florida, I would like to honor and remember Coach Randy Infinger and congratulate players Katie Sebastian (#3), Quinn Williams (#4), Cortni McKee (#5), Faith Elmore (#11), Emily Murray (#12), Sidney Beck (#14), Genesis Long (#15), Lenora Dixon (#21), Allison Carnley (#22), Annie Myles (#23), Bethany Neale (#24), Cassidy Brazile (#25), Payton Malloy (#30), and Kristen Corbett (#45); Head Coach, Steve Williams; Assistant Coach, Kim Corbett; Bookkeeper, Laurie Gilbert; Statistician, Connor Williams; Principal Beth Tucker; Assistant Principal Mitch Jackson; and Athletic Director Steve Williams for their extraordinary victory. My wife Vicki joins me in offering our best wishes to Paxton School and its talented athletes and coaches for their continued academic and athletic success, as well as our prayers and most sincere condolences to the family of Mr. Infinger and the entire Paxton community for their tremendous loss.

REMEMBERING DAVID STEPHEN CONRAD

HON. BRADLEY BYRNE

OF ALABAMA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, September 8, 2014

Mr. BYRNE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to remember a great Alabamian and a proud Mobilian, Mr. David Stephen Conrad, or just "D" as he was known to his family.

Mr. Conrad was born in Boston, Massachusetts on August 30, 1939, but he called Mobile home for the last 49 years. He graduated from the University of Alabama and Cumberland School of Law in Birmingham, Alabama. He passed away on September 3, 2014.

Mr. Speaker, David loved the law and took great pleasure in his profession. He co-founded the firm of Conrad & Hammond, which is known today as Conrad, Barlar, and McCulloch. He was well-known throughout the legal community as a lawyer possessing the difficult balance of class, respect, and courtesy, while always being the strongest advocate possible for his clients. He was always willing to assist and mentor his fellow lawyers, providing counsel on personal and professional matters wherever requested.

He was an active member of his personal and professional communities. He served as past Vice President and board member for the Alzheimer's Association, past member of the Board of Directors of the Springhill Avenue Temple, past member of the Board of Directors of the Mobile Jewish Welfare Association, past Secretary and Vice President of the Mobile Bar Association, past member of the Board of Directors of the Alabama Trial Lawyers Association, member of the Alabama and Mobile Bar Associations, past Regional Board Member for the Southern District of the Commercial Law League of America, past member of the Board of Directors of the Mobile Medical Endowment Fund, past member of the Board of Directors of the Gulf Coast Conservation Association, past member of Ducks Unlimited, and past officer of the Board of Directors for Mobile Big Game Fishing Association.

David Conrad always tried to see and find the best in every human. He approached every obstacle he faced with an unwavering positive attitude, the quintessential "eternal optimist." He loved his wife, children, and grandchildren deeply. He always enjoyed spending time with his family at their family house known as "Camp David."

David is survived by his wife, Norma, his son, Jeff (Chris) Conrad of Mobile, his daughters, Wendy (Neal) Aronson of Atlanta, Georgia, and Jill (Christopher) Hufnagel of Grand Rapids, Michigan. He is also survived by his 7 grandchildren: Matthew, Will, and Ellie Aronson; Stephen and Sydney Conrad; and Owen and Henry Hufnagel.

Mr. Speaker, I want to add my name to the chorus of individuals who were personally touched by David Conrad. I pray that his family and friends will find peace during this difficult time, but that they will find comfort in remembering the good times and great memories they shared with David.

IN HONOR OF N. MICHAEL RUCKA

LOUDON COUNTY COMMISSIONER
ROY H. BLEDSOE**HON. SAM FARR**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, September 8, 2014

Mr. FARR. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor N. Michael Rucka, an important community leader whose entrepreneurial spirit, tenacity, and ethical standards enriched the lives of his family, law partners, friends, and clients. Mike was a dear friend and wonderful mentor. He was the very essence of life, compassion, generosity, and curiosity. World affairs and domestic politics were always on Mike's mind and he was never shy about sharing his thoughts with me. Mike passed away on July 28, 2014, after struggling with cancer. His passing has left a huge empty space in those of us who knew and loved him. But what we will remember the most is the way he enriched so many lives and made the Monterey Bay Area, and indeed the world, a better place.

Mike was born on October 3, 1939 in Brooklyn, New York. His parents, Nettie and Arthur, soon moved to Los Angeles and then settled in San Francisco. Mike graduated from Lowell High School before attending the University of California, Berkeley. Following his graduation from UC Berkeley and the University of San Francisco School of Law, Michael relocated to the Monterey Peninsula in the 1970s. There, he worked ambitiously alongside his friends Emmet O'Boyle, Alfred Lombardo, and J. Andrew McKenna to develop the Rucka, O'Boyle, Lombardo, and McKenna Law Firm in Salinas, California.

Mike devoted every day to representing injured parties in matters of workers compensation and Social Security disability. Mike won the Granado Case before the California Supreme Court, thus establishing the rule that temporary disability and medical treatment are not subject to apportionment. Thanks to his work, this rule has benefited all injured workers since.

Michael co-founded and acted as one-time National Chair of the Workplace Injury Law & Advocacy Group. He also served as the President of the California Applicant's Attorneys Association from 1975 to 1976. In 1993, Mike received the Eugene Marias Lifetime Achievement Award.

Mike was uniquely respected both in this community, throughout California, and by his peers throughout the country. In a small block of marble in his office is a short handled hoe, presented to Michael in honor of his instrumental work and help in getting the back-breaking short handled hoe banned from the agricultural fields of California. He donated his time, resources and energy to organizations that are committed to advancing the rights of injured workers and others who need a voice.

Mr. Speaker, I know I speak for the whole House in honoring Mike's lifetime of achievement and in extending our heartfelt condolences to his friends, and family members, including his wife Corry, daughter Brandy, sons Greg and Nick, and his grandchildren.

HON. JOHN J. DUNCAN, JR.

OF TENNESSEE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, September 8, 2014

Mr. DUNCAN of Tennessee. Mr. Speaker, Loudon County Commissioner Roy H. Bledsoe is a long-time friend of my family, and one of the most honorable men I have ever known.

He recently retired from 55 years of public service to Tennessee. During that time, he impacted the lives of thousands of people in many positive ways. Our Nation would be a much better place if there were more people like Roy Bledsoe.

Roy's public service began in 1959 as a member of the Soil Conservation District in Sweetwater Creek. He then went on to be elected to the Loudon County Commission in 1966 and become the first mayor of the county in 1968.

His remarkable 48 years of service on the Loudon County Commission is unmatched.

Recently, the state of Tennessee honored Roy's service with a Joint House Resolution, which stated that he "distinguished himself as a public-spirited citizen of the highest order and as an exceptional asset to his community," and that his "remarkable success as a public servant and civic leader is directly attributable to his reliance on the time-honored values of hard work and common sense and his uncommon ability to work well with people from all walks of life."

Roy was a friend and supporter of my father, and I have been blessed to have his friendship and support over the years as well. I know even in retirement he will continue to impact the lives of many.

Mr. Speaker, Commissioner Roy H. Bledsoe is a patriotic and great American known for his work ethic and generosity. I bring his service to the attention of my Colleagues and other readers of the RECORD and wish my friend well on the occasion of his well-earned retirement.

HONORING STANISLAUS COUNTY
OFFICE OF EMERGENCY SERVICES
MANAGER III DEBORAH
THRASHER

HON. JEFF DENHAM

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, September 8, 2014

Mr. DENHAM. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to acknowledge and honor Stanislaus County Office of Emergency Services Manager III Deborah Thrasher on her retirement. After 13 years of valuable service to the Emergency Operations Center and county, Mrs. Thrasher retired on September 5, 2014.

Mrs. Thrasher has been an integral part of the development and maintenance of emergency operations plans for Stanislaus County and nine other cities. She has developed and handled the annual maintenance and continuity of government plans and operations for the county and hosted workshops for local agencies. Mrs. Thrasher managed the local hazard mitigation plan and developed several programs for the county, including the agri-

culture plan, avian influenza plan, and functional annexes for emergency operations plans.

Over the last 10 years, Mrs. Thrasher was also responsible for management and administration of all related grant programs. During that time, she became one of the most respected operational area managers of Homeland Security Grants. Additional duties included, coordinating FEMA Emergency Management Performance Grants and Public Safety Interoperable Communications Grant program.

Mrs. Thrasher served on several local and state committees representing Stanislaus County, including the Mutual Aid Regional Advisory Committee, California Emergency Services Association, Stanislaus County Healthcare Executives, and the Stanislaus County Operational Area Council. Through her leadership, she developed the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between Stanislaus County and United Way. Mrs. Thrasher would also swear in volunteers as emergency service workers and participate in full scale exercises with the county & State of California.

Mr. Speaker, please join me in honoring Stanislaus County Office of Emergency Services Manager III Deborah Thrasher on her retirement and in wishing her the best of luck in her future endeavors.

TO RECOGNIZE MS. ALEX HOLLEY

HON. MICHAEL G. FITZPATRICK

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, September 8, 2014

Mr. FITZPATRICK. Mr. Speaker, today, I recognize Alex Holley who has joined FOX29 as the new anchor of Good Day Philadelphia.

Ms. Holley is a native Texan and comes to the City of Brotherly Love by way of Myrtle Beach, South Carolina where she previously served as a local news reporter and anchor.

Philadelphia, and our region, has a rich history of journalism dating back to the founding of our nation, including the likes of Benjamin Franklin, and the signing of the Bill of Rights which ensure a free and open press. It is my hope that Ms. Holley continues this tradition and will loyally report on the latest news from around the Delaware Valley.

As the federal representative of Bucks and Montgomery counties, and part of Good Morning Philadelphia's broadcasting area, I look forward to her reporting on the issues affecting the people and communities of our region. I join my neighbors in welcoming Ms. Holley and wish her the best of luck in this new, exciting position.

HONORING MS. DORIS HAYNES
MILLER

HON. BENNIE G. THOMPSON

OF MISSISSIPPI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, September 8, 2014

Mr. THOMPSON of Mississippi. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor an outstanding, highly driven professional, Doris Haynes Miller.

Doris Haynes Miller was born, raised and educated in Clarksdale, Mississippi where she

attended public schools until she graduated from Clarksdale High School. She was baptized at the age of 12 at Chapel Hill Missionary Baptist Church. After graduation, she left Clarksdale to attend Jackson State University where she earned a Bachelor's degree in Business Marketing. She later moved to Europe and lived there for 8 1/2 years; primarily in Germany. While in Europe, she attended Boston University and the University of Southern California as she pursued a Master's degree in Human Resource Management. She was employed by the Department of Defense and the Department of the Army as a Social Service Representative until her return to the United States.

Ms. Miller attests that it was the love of family and divine intervention that brought her back to Clarksdale. She lost her father, a cousin and two uncles to cancer within the past fifteen years. As a result of her losses, she has become strongly involved in cancer awareness. She is a champion for education and an advocate for youth, young people and the working class grassroots' community.

She was previously employed by Comprehensive Urban/Rural Ensemble with Tourism, a non-profit agency she assisted in creating during 1998 to spur positive economic and social change in Coahoma County and throughout the Mid-South Delta Region. It was primarily funded by the W. K. Kellogg Foundation.

She served as the first Executive Director of the Mississippi Conference of Black Mayors. She is the first African-American female member as well as the first African-American President of the Clarksdale Exchange Club. She has served as Vice-President and President of Clarksdale-Coahoma County Crime Stoppers, Inc. She has served as Vice-President of the Clarksdale/Coahoma County Association of Educators. She is also a member of the Clarksdale Community Council of The Mastery Foundation where she has assisted in planning, organizing and coordinating Community Empowerment Meetings since 2002.

As a result of her work and passion towards racial reconciliation and improving race relations in her community and the Delta Region, she was the only African-American selected to represent the state of Mississippi for the 2004 Ireland Intensive in Derry, Londonderry, Ireland. This global intensive was focused on bridging racial equality, religious beliefs and religion to positively impact lives internationally.

During the 2005 Clarksdale mayoral election, Ms. Miller was the first woman to seek the position. She presently serves as Chairperson of the Voter Registration Committee for the Mississippi State Democratic Party as well as a member of the Mississippi Democratic Administrative Committee. She also presently serves as a member of the Coahoma County Democratic Committee.

She is currently employed by a subsidiary of Homeland Security as a Field Research Traveler and the Alcorn State University Extension Program as a Marketing Associate. Ms. Miller has other ongoing contracts as an Independent Consultant in the areas of Research, Community Development, Evaluation, Public Relations, Marketing, Education and Event Planning.

Ms. Miller enjoys traveling, cooking, entertaining family and friends, walking, attending concerts and watching good movies. She is

the oldest of two sisters and one brother. Her favorite mottos are "always be true to yourself" and "wear life like a big t-shirt".

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing an amazing Professional Woman for her dedication and service to mankind, Ms. Doris Haynes Miller.

IN RECOGNITION OF THE 100TH ANNIVERSARY OF HOLY ANGELS CHURCH

HON. JACKIE SPEIER

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, September 8, 2014

Ms. SPEIER. Mr. Speaker, I rise to honor the 100th anniversary of Holy Angels Church in Colma, California. This diverse and close-knit parish beautifully calls itself a family of faith, sharing time, talent and treasure.

Today the church on San Pedro Road has a seating capacity of 1140, but its beginnings a century ago were much smaller. St. Anne Church was built in 1868 on land donated by Peter Dunks of Colma and named after his daughter Anne Dunks. Priests from San Mateo and San Francisco rode their horses to the church until the advent of the railroad. One priest, Reverend James Cooper, spent so much time in the saddle that he was known as "the horseback priest." It took him four days round trip to travel to the church.

From 1899 to 1914, St. Anne was a mission of St. Michael in the Ocean View district. In 1914, the mission received the status of parish and the name of the church was changed to Holy Angels. Catholics from the coast had to travel to Colma for mass and sacraments until Father Sorasio, the pastor at the time, set up a mission in a house near present-day Nick's Restaurant in Rockaway Beach.

By 1952, the parish had outgrown the size of the church. A growing number of Catholics from Broadmoor, Sterling Park, Sherman, Callan Heights and other new developments joined the church. A campaign to enlarge the church and build a parish school was launched in July of that year under the chairmanship of San Mateo County Supervisor Thomas Callan. As a result, Holy Angels underwent its first major alteration in 87 years. The church was enlarged and a school with eight grade levels, a library, office and convent was built.

In 1960, a fire destroyed the whole sacristy including all vestments and linens. It was accidentally started by children playing with candles in the sacristy.

The following year, the church once again needed to be enlarged and a new campaign began. The new Holy Angels Church and rectory were dedicated in September of 1962. Its mission architecture, mosaic murals and stained glass windows give it a simple beauty and grace.

Holy Angels has had 16 pastors since its establishment in 1914. Father Alex L. Legaspi became the newest one on July 1, 2013. Holy Angels has a rich parish because of its diversity, from its humble beginnings with German, Irish and Italian immigrants and more recently with parishioners from Mexico, Central and South America, the Philippines and other countries.

Mr. Speaker, I ask the House of Representatives to rise with me to honor the 100th anni-

versary of Holy Angels Church, a house of worship that enriches its parishioners with a close sense of community.

IN HONOR OF IRVING C. WEIL

HON. SAM FARR

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, September 8, 2014

Mr. FARR. Mr. Speaker, I rise to recognize Santa Cruz resident Irving C. Weil on the occasion of his 100th birthday. I have had the great pleasure to know Irving as a community activist and political campaign volunteer. He has made his life an example of compassion and civic action for every citizen to emulate. I have had the honor of having a flag flown above the Capitol in honor of Irving in recognition of his many years of service.

Irving was born on August 27, 1914 in Brooklyn New York. During WWII he served in England as part of the U.S. Army, Medical Service Corps. He returned to the Army during the Korean war where he oversaw a Mobile Army Surgical Hospital, popularly known as a MASH. Following the Korean war, Irving continued to serve in the Army with postings in Germany and Fort Ord, from where he concluded his Army career in 1968.

Following his retirement from the Army, Irving moved to Los Angeles, where he pursued a college degree. He was then employed by the Mobil Oil Corporation as a chemist and supervisor. Irving later relocated to the Monterey Bay Area where he became active in the local community, particularly with Temple Beth El. He is the recipient of the B'nai B'rith "Akiba Award" for extraordinary service to his Jewish faith and heritage. And even as he turns 100, Irving is active with the Santa Cruz County singing group called the DOGS (Dominican Oaks Guys Singing).

Mr. Speaker, I know I speak for the whole House in wishing Irving a happy birthday and conveying our gratitude for his service to the United States. The world is a better place because of his efforts.

TRIBUTE TO MS. HATTIE CREWS

HON. HENRY C. "HANK" JOHNSON, JR.

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, September 8, 2014

Mr. JOHNSON of Georgia. Mr. Speaker, I submit the following Proclamation.

Whereas, reaching the age of 85 years is a remarkable milestone; and

Whereas, Ms. Hattie Crews was born on August 18, 1929 in Effingham, South Carolina and is celebrating that milestone; and

Whereas, Ms. Crews has been blessed with a long, happy life, devoted to God and credits it all to the Will of God; and

Whereas, Ms. Crews is celebrating her 85th Birthday with her family members, church members and friends here in Georgia, she celebrates a life of blessings; as a Mother, Grandmother, Great Grandmother, friend, a servant and a leader; and

Whereas, the Lord has been her Shepherd throughout her life and she prays daily and is leading by example a blessed life; an advocate, faithful matriarch and a community leader; and

Whereas, we are honored that she is celebrating the milestone of her 85th birthday in Georgia; and

Whereas, the U.S. Representative of the Fourth District of Georgia has set aside this day to honor and recognize Ms. Hattie Crews for an exemplary life which is an inspiration to all, now therefore, I, HENRY C. "HANK" JOHNSON, Jr. do hereby proclaim August 18, 2014 as Ms. Hattie Crews Day in the 4th Congressional District of Georgia.

Proclaimed, this 18th day of August, 2014.

RECOGNIZING THE CAMARADERIE FOUNDATION

HON. DANIEL WEBSTER

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, September 8, 2014

Mr. WEBSTER of Florida. Mr. Speaker, it is an honor to recognize the Camaraderie Foundation, a Central Florida nonprofit organization that offers counseling, emotional support and spiritual guidance for military service members, veterans and their families.

The Camaraderie Foundation was founded in 2009 by Captain Michael Waldrop and his wife, Marnie. Following Capt. Waldrop's deployment to Afghanistan, the Waldrops sought counseling and found it to be vital to the wellbeing of their marriage and reintegration into the community. Capt. Waldrop noticed that stigma associated with counseling often dissuaded military members from benefitting from it. Believing that private counseling and spiritual community can alleviate post-deployment issues, the Waldrops started the Camaraderie Foundation to serve the military community.

The Camaraderie Foundation provides counseling scholarships to military service members and their families, community-building programs that create support networks before and after deployment, and a mentorship program that assists military members with their transitions back into civilian life.

According to the Camaraderie Foundation, 84,803 service members have been deployed from Central Florida since September 11, 2001. To these men and women, we owe a debt of gratitude that can never be repaid. I thank them for their service, and I commend the Camaraderie Foundation for their extraordinary leadership and dedication to serving our nation's military.

PAYING TRIBUTE TO JOE MAZE

HON. LEE TERRY

OF NEBRASKA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, September 8, 2014

Mr. TERRY. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Joe Maze, a beloved husband, father, grandfather, and war veteran. He was a devoted American and an exceptional servant to the Second Congressional District of Nebraska. While I never had the chance to meet Joe, the stories of his legacy should inspire us all.

He's remembered as a great warrior and dedicated serviceman who pledged his devotion to tirelessly fight for moralistic causes until

the very end. After the completion of two tours in Vietnam and retiring from the U.S. Air Force in 1971, Joe decided that his calling was to continue serving by becoming a part of the law enforcement community. He was a Papillion City Police Officer who diligently worked to protect and serve our community until 1995. His success was apparent as he advanced from Deputy to Captain of the Sarpy County Police Department during his law enforcement career. Not only did he strive to protect our community, but he helped safeguard it as well by volunteering with the Papillion Fire Department in his off time.

Those who knew Joe describe a completely selfless member of our community who was passionate about helping others in need. Those who knew him best say he was devoted to service, and gave his time and energy to those less fortunate. He was active in Masonic organizations in both Nebraska and Oregon. He traveled to Minnesota to visit children in the Shriners Hospital where he dressed up as Snuffy the Clown and would spend the day visiting with sick children making them laugh. It's said his gentle demeanor would raise anyone's spirits. This one act of kindness demonstrates that Joe left a very positive impact on this world. May we all find comfort in remembering the joy he brought to others.

Mr. Speaker, please join me in offering my deepest condolences to the Maze family for their loss. Let us honor him by reflecting on his lifetime of selfless service to others and may his legacy live on.

HONORING PRIVATE SAMUEL REED

HON. MARK MEADOWS

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, September 8, 2014

Mr. MEADOWS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the extraordinary life of Private Samuel Reed, who served our nation during the Revolutionary War and the War of 1812. Private Reed will be honored on September 13, 2014 with a Grave Marking Ceremony at Reid's Chapel United Methodist in Murphy, North Carolina. Private Reed's fourth-great grandson, Edward Wayne Reid, and his wife Carol, have organized the event.

Born in Rowan County, North Carolina around the year 1750, Private Reed was a true patriot, serving in the Revolutionary War with his father, Colonel James Reed, and his six brothers. He fought in multiple key battles between the years of 1778 and 1781 throughout North Carolina, Georgia, and South Carolina. Additionally, during the War of 1812, Private Reed served in the North Carolina Militia.

After many years of military service, Private Reed and his wife, Rachel Sparks Reed, settled in Cherokee County, North Carolina. Private Reed died in 1851 at the age of 101 and was buried in the old Reed Cemetery, close to where Reid's Chapel United Methodist is today.

We owe our freedom and independence to great men like Private Samuel Reed. I am proud to honor this brave man and his many accomplishments in defense of our nation.

COMMEMORATING THE TWENTY-THIRD ANNIVERSARY OF THE INDEPENDENCE OF UKRAINE AND RECOGNIZING THE VIBRANT AND ACTIVE UKRAINIAN COMMUNITY OF ROCHESTER, NEW YORK

HON. LOUISE MCINTOSH SLAUGHTER

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, September 8, 2014

Ms. SLAUGHTER. Mr. Speaker, it is my esteemed honor to commemorate the twenty-third anniversary of the independence of Ukraine and recognize the Ukrainian community of Rochester, NY for their valuable contributions to the development of the Rochester region and their unshakable support for a stable, democratic, prosperous and sovereign Ukraine in the face of tremendous adversity.

Since the Ukrainian parliament officially proclaimed Ukraine as an independent state on August 24, 1991, the people of Ukraine have worked tirelessly to establish a stable democracy and a prosperous economy open to western trade and investment. Though there have been many setbacks along the way, the will and determination of the Ukrainian people has never wavered and they have repeatedly shown their unwillingness to accept injustice or autocratic rule, most recently during the EuroMaidan movement.

Since the ouster of President Viktor Yanukovich in February 2014, Ukraine has encountered tremendous opposition and aggression from the Russian Federation and President Vladimir Putin. President Putin has used the full resources at his disposal to sow instability and unrest as Ukraine worked to elect a new President and integrate with Europe and the west. These tactics began with the Russian invasion and annexation of the Crimean Peninsula and continue to this day, as Russia arms and supports separatist rebels in eastern Ukraine so craven they shot down a commercial airliner carrying civilian passengers and blocked the international community's access to the crash site.

In response to Russia's actions, the United States Congress quickly passed legislation authorizing \$1 billion in loan guarantees to the Ukraine government, \$60 million in assistance for training and non-lethal equipment and material to the Ukrainian Armed Forces, National Guard, and State Border Guard Service, and over \$70 million to help Ukraine hold free and fair presidential elections, root out corruption, enhance their energy security, and stabilize their economy.

I also worked with my colleagues on the Congressional Ukrainian Caucus to introduce legislation to provide Ukraine with more robust military assistance as they battle well-funded separatist rebels supported by Russia in Eastern Ukraine. As the leading world power, the U.S. should give Ukraine the tools and resources it needs to stand up to this threat and maintain its independence, sovereignty, and democracy.

The city of Rochester, NY in my district has been blessed with a vibrant and active Ukrainian population that began settling the region as early as the 1880s. These hardworking and civic-minded citizens have left their mark in business, banking, medicine, public affairs, and other industries vital to the success of our community. They have also been active and

engaged in Ukraine's struggle for political, economic and social stability. They have brought attention to injustice and lobbied public officials to take action. I am incredibly proud of this community and to have been made an honorary Ukrainian by my constituents. I have been pleased to work on their behalf during my years in Congress.

While Ukraine still has many miles left on its journey for peace, prosperity, and democracy, I am encouraged by the progress the Ukrainian people have made and their courage to continue fighting. I'm also reminded of their quest this year as we mark the bicentennial of the birth of the great Ukrainian poet Taras Shevchenko, whose strong advocacy for Ukraine as an independent state left a lasting impression on the people of Ukraine for generations.

As Mr. Shevchenko wrote in the 1858 poem *Fate*, "So let's march on, dear fate of mine! My humble, truthful, faithful friend! Keep marching on: there glory lies; March forward—that's my testament."

I ask my colleagues to join me in congratulating Ukraine on its 23rd Independence Day, and honoring and thanking the Ukrainian community of Rochester, NY, for their tireless work to promote a stable, democratic, prosperous and sovereign Ukraine at a time of tremendous adversity. I am honored to represent such a passionate and dedicated community.

IN HONOR OF THE 25TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE NONPROFITS INSURANCE ALLIANCE OF CALIFORNIA (NIAC)

HON. SAM FARR

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, September 8, 2014

Mr. FARR. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the 25th anniversary of the Nonprofits Insurance Alliance of California (NIAC), a remarkable organization that provides essential risk-management services to enable nonprofit organizations to meet the needs of our citizens and contribute to our economy.

NIAC was conceived by Pamela Davis in her Master's thesis at UC Berkeley Graduate School of Public Policy in 1987. Despite no insurance background, she recognized the growing inability of nonprofit organizations to obtain necessary insurance coverage from commercial insurers. This, in turn, limited nonprofits' ability to fulfill their missions of service to our communities. During the mid-1980s, many insurance companies dropped coverage for nonprofits when, at the same time, evidence of insurance was required as a condition of providing government funded services to communities. As a result, nonprofits lost funding and were unable to offer many essential services to children, seniors, and our most fragile citizens because the insurance industry believed that the risk posed by these operations was too great.

Ms. Davis challenged insurance companies to produce data that would demonstrate the riskiness of nonprofit operations. When no such information was forthcoming, she concluded that the risk of nonprofits had not been properly evaluated. Looking ahead, she proposed that the nonprofit sector could better serve its own insurance needs by pooling to-

gether and creating their own insurance companies—essentially self-insuring each other.

The Davis thesis led directly to the formation of NIAC. It was published by the California Community Foundation and widely distributed as a possible solution to a difficult problem. With California Association of Nonprofits serving as fiscal agent, Ms. Davis spent two years raising funds and putting together all of the required infrastructure for NIAC. On November 1, 1989, with loans of \$1.3 million from foundations including Ford and Packard, NIAC's charitable risk pool welcomed its first member-insured.

Now, 25 years later, NIAC insures 8,500 nonprofits in California and holds an A (Excellent) rating from AM Best. It has demonstrated not only that nonprofits are eminently insurable, but also that the insurance prices that were being charged during the mid-1980s were too high. NIAC successfully reduced prices over its 25 years and returned \$31 million in dividends to its 501(c)(3) nonprofits because of better than expected claims experience. Those nonprofits have, in turn, been able to use those funds to bring more services to their communities.

Congress, in consideration of the public benefits provided by the nonprofit sector, passed legislation in 1996 to grant organizations like NIAC 501(c)(3) tax-exempt status. By this legislation, Congress recognized the value of keeping funds at work in the nonprofit community.

Heeding the call in the late 1990s to assist nonprofits outside of California, NIAC was instrumental in creating the Alliance of Nonprofits, Risk Retention Group (ANI). ANI's formation in 2000 was enabled with grants of \$10 million from the Gates and Packard foundations. The company now insures nearly 5,000 nonprofits in 30 states for all types of liability insurance, just as NIAC has done in California.

In her thesis, Ms. Davis had proposed that if more resources could be allocated to providing training and risk management assistance, fewer accidents would occur and less money would be needed to pay for claims and litigation. From their inceptions, NIAC and ANI have provided free services to help nonprofits avoid injury and accidents to their clients and members of the public. They provide free driver training, webinars, in-person consultations and many, many other services to help nonprofits do their work more efficiently and safely. These programs have demonstrated the success of that idea.

Mr. Speaker, I have supported NIAC's efforts through its history and have watched the Nonprofits Insurance Alliance Group grow in its ability to serve our vital and vibrant nonprofit sector. Too often we fail to acknowledge the work of people and organizations who are dedicated to serving our community needs and making our neighborhoods a more livable and tolerant place for all of us. Today, I would like to recognize NIAC and its dedicated employees and volunteer board members for their work to help strengthen an important part of our economy—nonprofit organizations.

COMBATING THE EBOLA THREAT

HON. CHRISTOPHER H. SMITH

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, September 8, 2014

Mr. SMITH of New Jersey. Mr. Speaker, last month, I convened an emergency hearing, during recess, to address a grave and serious health threat which has in recent weeks gripped mass media attention and heightened public fears of an epidemic—the Ebola virus.

What we gained from the hearing is a realistic understanding of what we are up against, while avoiding sensationalism.

Ebola is a severe, often fatal disease that first emerged in 1976 and has killed 90% of its victims in some past outbreaks.

Since March of this year, there have been more than 1,700 cases of Ebola, including more than 900 fatalities, in Guinea, Liberia, Sierra Leone, and Nigeria.

This time, the average fatality rate in this outbreak is estimated at 55%—ranging from 74% in Guinea to 42% in Sierra Leone. The disparity in mortality rates is partially linked to the capacity of governments to treat and contain the disease and per capita health spending by affected country governments.

There is also concern that, given modern air travel and the latency time of the disease, the virus will jump borders and threaten lives elsewhere in Africa and even here in the United States.

In my own state of New Jersey, at CentraState Hospital in Freehold, precautions were taken. A person who had traveled from West Africa began manifesting symptoms, including a high fever. He was put in isolation. Thankfully, it was not Ebola, and the patient has been released.

New Jersey Health Commissioner Mary O'Dowd reiterated to me yesterday that New Jersey hospitals have infection control programs in which they train and are ready to deal with potentially infectious patients that come through their doors. She also told me that physicians and hospital workers follow very specific protocols on how to protect themselves as well as other patients, and how to observe a patient if they have any concerns, which includes protocols like managing a patient in isolation so that they are not around others who are not appropriately protected.

The commissioner also underscored that the federal government has U.S. quarantine stations throughout the country to limit the introduction of any disease that might come into the United States at ports of entry like New Jersey's Newark Liberty International Airport.

As you know key symptoms of Ebola include fever; weakness; head, joint muscle, throat and stomach aches; and then vomiting and diarrhea, rashes and bleeding. These symptoms are also seen in other diseases besides Ebola, which makes an accurate diagnosis early on uncertain.

Ebola punches holes in blood vessels by breaking down the vessel walls, causing massive bleeding and shock. The virus spreads quickly before most people's bodies can fight the infection, effectively breaking down the development of antibodies. As a result, there is massive bleeding within 7 to 10 days after infection that too often results in the death of the infected person.

Fruit bats are suspected of being a primary transmitter of Ebola to humans in West Africa.

The virus is transmitted to humans through close contact with the blood, secretions, organs or other bodily fluids of infected animals.

Some health care workers—such as heroic American missionary aid workers Dr. Kent Brantly and nursing assistant Nancy Writebol—contracted the disease despite taking every precaution while helping Ebola patients. Both of them were treated at Emory Hospital in Atlanta, Georgia, in an isolation unit after having been flown to the United States in a specially equipped “air ambulance.”

While there is no known cure for Ebola, both Dr. Brantly and Ms. Writebol were given doses of the experimental anti-viral drug cocktail ZMapp, developed by a San Diego company called Mapp Biopharmaceutical.

Mapp Biopharmaceutical has been working with the National Institutes of Health and the Defense Threat Reduction Agency, an arm of the military responsible for countering weapons of mass destruction, to develop an Ebola treatment for several years. The drug, which attaches to the virus cells much like antibodies their compromised immune systems would have produced, had never been tested in humans before Dr. Brantly and Ms. Writebol, who gave their consent to be the first human trials.

There will be great hope if ZMapp works on the two Americans who bravely agreed to test its effect. Still, ZMapp is an experimental drug. Those who use it must be given the complete information on its use. Informed consent is vital in the use of any drug, but certainly one that has such limited trials among humans.

There is also promising research done by the Tekmira Pharmaceuticals Corporation—funded by the U.S. Department of Defense—on their TKM—Ebola, an anti-Ebola virus RNAi Therapeutic. TKM is on clinical hold, yet earlier preclinical studies were published in the medical journal, *The Lancet* and demonstrate that when siRNA targeting the Ebola virus and delivered by Tekmira’s LNP technology were used to treat previously infected non-human primates, the result was 100 percent protection from an otherwise lethal dose of Zaire Ebola virus.

Unfortunately, there are other issues that impact on the ability of the international community to assist the affected governments in meeting this grave health challenge. Some of the leading doctors in these countries have died treating Ebola victims. The non-governmental medical personnel who are there say they feel besieged—not only because they are among the only medical personnel treating this exponentially spreading disease, but also because they are under suspicion by some people in these countries who are unfamiliar with this disease and fear that doctors who treat the disease may have brought it with them.

The current West African outbreak is unprecedented—and an anomaly. Many people are not cooperating with efforts to contain the disease. Some, such as Liberian-American Patrick Sawyer, refused to accept that they may be infected. His death sent chills through those outside the affected region who feared infected people leaving the area and arriving in metropolitan areas somewhere else in the world.

Because of the stigma of Ebola, many people in the affected region are reluctant to acknowledge the possibility of having the disease and don’t seek medical treatment. This

phenomenon was common in the early days of the HIV/AIDS epidemic. Traditions also play a role in people not accepting suggested protocols. Many people are handling the bodies of their relatives who died of Ebola and burying them without taking proper precautions, and themselves become victims of this deadly disease.

Medical missionaries have given of their time and talent at great risk to their health and their very lives to apply the Christian principles to which they have committed themselves.

As we consider what we can do to meet this health challenge, I would suggest we need to reconsider the funding levels for pandemic preparedness. In the restricted budget environment in which our government operates today, funding to meet these pandemics has fallen from \$201 million in fiscal year 2010 to an estimated \$72.5 million in fiscal year 2014. The proposed budget for fiscal year 2015 is \$50 million, and we must not shortchange vital efforts to save the lives of people in developing countries, but also protect the health security of the American people. There are both practical and compassionate reasons to adequately fund pandemic response.

Dr. Tom Frieden, one of the witnesses we had, has tried to assure the American public that our government is doing what we can to address the Ebola crisis. USAID; WHO; the World Bank; DFID, the British development agency; the African Development Bank, and many other governments, international organizations and companies are joining to meet this crisis.

To those who say there is no plan, I would say that planning is underway to overcome obstacles to effective efforts to contain this virus. We have seen great success in treating HIV/AIDS, malaria, and tuberculosis. Polio has been largely eliminated. Tropical diseases are being treated through a public-private partnership. Still, we must take more seriously the research, surveillance, treatment, and prevention of diseases that limit the lives of people in developing countries.

This is why I have introduced the End Neglected Tropical Diseases Act. H.R. 4847 establishes that the policy of the United States is to support a broad range of implementation and research and development activities to achieve cost-effective and sustainable treatment, control and, where possible, elimination of neglected tropical diseases. Ebola is not on WHO’s list of the top 17 neglected tropical diseases, but it does fit the definition of an infection caused by pathogens that disproportionately impact individuals living in extreme poverty, especially in developing countries.

Ebola had been thought to be limited to isolated areas where it could be contained. We know now that is no longer true. We need to take seriously the effort to devise more effective means of addressing this and all neglected tropical diseases.

IN MEMORY OF ALETHA HOWELL
BARSANTI

HON. MICHAEL C. BURGESS

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, September 8, 2014

Mr. BURGESS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the life of Aletha Howell Barsanti, who

passed away July 13, 2014. She was a devoted army wife, an exceptional mother and a loyal companion and friend to many.

Aletha was a Texas native and was born on September 27, 1920 in Corsicana, Texas. After graduating from high school in the west Texas town of Rankin, she followed her two older sisters, Fleda and Frances, to the University of Texas. While working at her father’s law office she met Olinto Mark Barsanti, a career officer in the United States Army. They were married on October 22, 1942 at Fort Sam Houston in San Antonio, Texas. Olinto went on to become a decorated combat veteran of World War II and Korea and also served as the Commanding General of the prestigious 101st Airborne Division in Vietnam. While Olinto served and protected our country, Aletha was an army wife who diligently and lovingly raised their daughter, Bette, on her own.

After the General’s death in 1973, Aletha settled in Montgomery, Alabama in the late 1970s. There she met Colonel Lonnie Martin, a retired member of the United States Air Force. For the next twenty years she and Lonnie traveled, attended the symphony, golfed and enjoyed retirement with one another. While residing in Montgomery, she also spent much of her time with a group of women who included her in their bridge games and other social activities and made her feel like a Montgomery native. The retired military community also welcomed her.

Aletha was a proud member of the Daughters of the American Revolution and the Magna Carta Dames. She will be greatly missed by her family, including her daughter and son-in-law Bette and Bob Sherman of Denton, Texas.

HONORING FUTURE INC. DAYCARE
& EARLY CHILDHOOD LEARNING
CENTER

HON. BENNIE G. THOMPSON

OF MISSISSIPPI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, September 8, 2014

Mr. THOMPSON of Mississippi. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the remarkable Future Inc. Daycare & Early Childhood Learning Center (F.U.T.U.R.E.).

Future Inc. Daycare & Early Childhood Learning Center (F.U.T.U.R.E.) was established on August 1, 2005. This is a Walk of Faith Church Ministry Product that offered a program that is child oriented. Children “learn by doing” in an environment which encourages the development of a joy for learning. Recognizing the uniqueness of each child, age-appropriate learning experiences are provided in an accepting, warm environment.

The play environment encourages positive development across a wide range of domains while building self-confidence, independence, and self-discipline.

Opportunities are provided for discovery, learning through concrete experiences, imaginative free play, observation, and positive peer and adult interaction.

F.U.T.U.R.E., Inc.’s Mission Statement is: To build competent families, competitive children, complimentary communities, and convincing futures. To provide a high quality early childhood program in a safe, nurturing environment that promotes the physical, social,

emotional and cognitive development of young children, while responding to the needs of families; and the vision of F.U.T.U.R.E., Inc. is to serve with excellence and integrity. This organization improves and enhances the quality of life for youth and families in the Copiah County area.

F.U.T.U.R.E., Inc. seeks to continue to have an accredited outreach program that prepares participants to become academically, physically, economically, mentally, spiritually, and socially ready to function at their highest levels in society and the ever changing world.

The fundamental goal of F.U.T.U.R.E., Inc. is to serve, improve, and enhance the quality of life for youth and parents of the Copiah County area. The philosophy, methodology, and program curriculums are based on the premise that all participants have "absorbent minds" and an innate desire to learn and function at their highest level of ability. Given the proper environment and stimulation, one will function at a high level in life in which they can demonstrate adequate behavior and success, individuals learn more when they are stimulated by their surroundings and will benefit most when both teacher and participants are consistent and supportive with the FUTURE philosophy.

Actions to provide high-quality services to children and families are to:

Maintain a quality partnership with ICS Head Start; Participate in QRS with a goal of five stars; Implement the Head Start Program Performance Standards and Regulations into the Pinnacle curriculum; Implement the Mississippi Early Learning Guidelines into the Pinnacle curriculum using the All About Preschoolers and The Creative Curriculum for Preschool as a basis for curriculum development; Implement quality early childhood practices through the use of the ITERS-R and ECERS-R guidelines.

F.U.T.U.R.E., Inc.'s desire is to maintain a partnership with ICS Head Start by following the Program Goals and Objectives which are to: Provide a classroom environment where children "learn by doing." Encourage the development of a joy for learning and provide age-appropriate learning experiences in an accepting, warm environment.

F.U.T.U.R.E., Inc. promotes physical, social, emotional and cognitive development of young children. They use basic health and developmental screenings as a means to determine the need for additional screening, referral for a comprehensive assessment, or needed professional services.

They use positive guidance techniques to provide a foundation for appropriate social interaction, positive self-esteem, and successful academic performance; Provide an environment in which diversity is a part of daily routines and activities; Teach hand washing and other health practices as part of the daily routine; Provide positive mealtimes to encourage the development of healthy lifetime eating habits; Provide outdoor play for the development of healthy bodies and minds; Provide activities for children which encourages a positive transition from preschool into the kindergarten setting; Provide a safe and secure environment in which learning is optimal; Provide a positive supporting environment in which children will develop self-directed, cooperative, trusting relationships; and Provide a high quality early childhood program which reaches beyond childcare to support the needs of families.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing Future Inc. Daycare & Early Childhood Learning Center (F.U.T.U.R.E.) for its dedication to serving others.

IN RECOGNITION OF THE 200TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE "STAR SPANGLED BANNER" AND HONORING OUR FLAG

HON. EDWARD R. ROYCE

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, September 8, 2014

Mr. ROYCE. Mr. Speaker, two hundred years ago, on September 14, 1814, Francis Scott Key and two other Americans, one a prisoner of the British whose release Key had been commissioned to negotiate, waited anxiously for the outcome of the battle begun nearly 24 hours earlier. Although Key had secured the release of Dr. William Beams, they were detained by the British overnight because they had overheard the British attack plans.

During the rainy night, Key had witnessed the bombardment of Fort McHenry, and observed that the fort's smaller "storm flag" continued to fly. At dawn, Key was inspired by the American victory and the sight of a larger American flag, with fifteen stars and fifteen stripes flying triumphantly above the fort. This flag remains on public display in the Smithsonian's National Museum of American History.

The whole event inspired Key to write a poem, titled "Defence of Fort M'Henry." It was soon set to music and performed to an enthusiastic public audience as "The Star Spangled Banner" less than a month later. In 1931, Congress adopted it as the national anthem of the United States.

Orange County, California, which makes up most of the 39th Congressional District I represent, is home to one of Francis Scott Key's descendants. George Key, the great great grandson of the author of our national anthem, is a resident of San Clemente and a member of the "greatest generation." A veteran of both World War II and the Korean Conflict, Mr. Key has honored his heritage by leading efforts in his own community to honor the flag that inspired his ancestor.

Mr. Key is known as "The Flagman of San Clemente." Even at 90 years of age, he continues to work with local schools, the Daughters of the American Revolution, the Boy Scouts, and others, teaching them U.S. history and how to properly dispose of American flags. He collects tattered flags from drop points in the city and arranges for their proper disposal. Along with a colleague, he created a program to honor veterans and their families by flying flags over San Clemente City Hall when the veterans pass away.

I am pleased to recognize the 200th Anniversary of the "Star Spangled Banner," and the legacy of the Key family in honoring our nation's flag.

CONGRESSIONAL RECOGNITION
FOR THE TUCSON ARIZONA BOYS
CHORUS IN HONOR OF THEIR
75TH ANNIVERSARY

HON. RON BARBER

OF ARIZONA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, September 8, 2014

Mr. BARBER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the Tucson Arizona Boys Chorus, which will be celebrating its 75th anniversary this year.

Established in 1939, the Tucson Arizona Boys Chorus was formed by Eduardo Caso, a teacher and singer in Arizona recovering from tuberculosis. The choir quickly rose to prominence, starring in early national radio and television broadcasts, and even performing at the 1950 Chicago World's Fair.

The Chorus continued to grow, aggressively traveling to all corners of the globe, a mission that continues to this day. They have performed in over 25 different countries, visiting every continent except Antarctica. From Tucson to the former Soviet Union, from the Vatican to Super Bowl XXX, this extraordinary institution has continuously embodied those qualities that make southern Arizona such a treasure.

Vital to the Chorus' mission is the development of its members through concentrated character growth. These young men learn core values such as leadership, responsibility, sincerity, integrity, reliability and honor.

Under the direction of Dr. Julian Ackerley, the Tucson Arizona Boys Chorus shares the values and traditions of southern Arizona with the world. I congratulate the Tucson Arizona Boys Chorus on 75 years of excellence and wish them the best for the next 75 years to come.

HONORING CHRISTIAN ASSOCIATES
OF TABLE ROCK LAKE

HON. BILLY LONG

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, September 8, 2014

Mr. LONG. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and honor Christian Associates of Table Rock Lake's 40th year of service to the Tri-Lakes community.

Christian Associates of Table Rock Lake provides multiple services to the people of Missouri who are facing hardship and was honored as the 2010 charity of the year by the Branson Lakes Area Chamber of Commerce.

It provides shelters for domestic violence and abuse and assists in case management and advocacy in order to help facilitate positive life changes. These shelters not only provide therapy and education, but also court advocacy and referrals to legal counsel.

Christian Associates of Table Rock Lake also assists low-income families with the establishment of the Little Oaks Apartments and its own thrift store for the community. Little Oaks Apartments provides affordable housing for low income families and is closely tied to the Footprints Learning Center, a state-approved childcare facility where the parents can enroll their children and pay based on their income. The Footprints Learning Center also

provides care and education for children in the domestic violence shelter.

Christian Associates of Table Rock Lake continues to help the community by initiating outreach programs and by collaborating with churches, other non-profits, civic organizations, businesses, and schools.

I am honored to recognize the Christian Associates of Table Rock Lake for being "40 Years Strong, and Lighting the Way" for the Tri-Lakes community.

TO RECOGNIZE GEORGE DIDDEN
GREENHOUSES' 100TH YEAR AN-
NIVERSARY

HON. MICHAEL G. FITZPATRICK

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, September 8, 2014

Mr. FITZPATRICK. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor George Didden Greenhouses, a greenhouse business in Hatfield Borough, which is celebrating its 100 years of excellent service to the community of Pennsylvania's Eighth District.

Didden's Greenhouses was founded by George Didden and his wife Laura in 1914. His three great-grandsons, Ken, Jon and Dan Ruch, now own and operate the greenhouse business, making it the oldest family business in Hatfield Borough. Over the years, Didden Greenhouses gained widespread recognition, not only as superb growers, but also as developers of their own flower species. During the late 1950's, Didden Greenhouses became instrumental in developing disease resistant varieties of plants, including the world famous "Didden's Improved Picardy". Today, Didden Greenhouses has grown to over 31 greenhouses and continues to provide service to the Bucks and Montgomery County area.

I am honored to represent those who do such influential work and wish them continued success in the next 100 years.

HONORING RAINBOW LEARNING &
DAYCARE CENTER

HON. BENNIE G. THOMPSON

OF MISSISSIPPI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, September 8, 2014

Mr. THOMPSON of Mississippi. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the remarkable Rainbow Learning & Daycare Center.

Rainbow, opened in June 2007, is operated by the owner/director, Mrs. Pernada Jackson. The hours of operation are Monday through Friday from 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Rainbow's mission is to provide child care services and a safe learning environment that focuses on the developmental needs of the children. The center serves families in Leland, Mississippi, and the surrounding towns.

Rainbow strives to provide a quality early childhood education program filled with love and compassion for children. They believe that children are the most important resource and that the early childhood experiences are crucial in the development of their future.

Rainbow's belief is that the family is the strongest influence in the child's growth and development. They extend the child's home

experience and provide new and different experiences of value. Rainbow's program is based on the knowledge that children learn best through play and active hands-on activities. Using developmental appropriate materials to stimulate and explore their potential is their goal.

Growth occurs in developmental stages and each stage must be offered, encouraged and supported. Rainbow's classrooms are arranged in an environment that presents maximum opportunities for cognitive development, discovery learning and an awareness of cultural diversity. They offer clean and spacious learning centers that offer a wide variety of daily activities to encourage and challenge each child.

Rainbow's learning environment will empower children and enhance self-esteem by creating an atmosphere where social, emotional, physical, and cognitive development can take place. By encouraging children to learn and develop at their own level, they will gain the confidence of self-importance. Rainbow offers children guidance and understanding, so they will have the opportunity to explore their world in a safe and controlled environment.

Rainbow provides nutritional meals and snacks. All meals meet the nutritional guidelines set by the USDA.

Each caregiver receives on-going training through staff meetings and during early childhood conferences and workshops that are held throughout the year. All Rainbow employees are trained in Pediatric CPR and First Aid. Rainbow accepts all children regardless of race, color, creed, and sex, religious or ethnic backgrounds.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing the Rainbow Learning & Daycare Center for its dedication to serving others.

TRIBUTE TO MAYOR DICK
CALLAWAY

HON. SHELLEY MOORE CAPITO

OF WEST VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, September 8, 2014

Mrs. CAPITO. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Dick Callaway, Mayor of the City of St. Albans, who has been honored by his peers at the West Virginia Municipal League recognizing him as 2014 Mayor of the Year. He has dutifully served the City of St. Albans as its Mayor for eight years, elected in 2009 and 2013. I have had the honor to work with Mayor Callaway on numerous occasions, and have always admired his professionalism, his vision and his concern for his constituents and the community.

Mayor Callaway is very involved with other organizations that affect the quality of life of the City of St. Albans and Kanawha County. He currently holds seats on the Board of Directors for the Charleston Area Alliance, Regional Development Authority, and Bridge Valley Community and Technical College Foundation. In addition, he is the Past President of the WV Municipal League and is currently Chairman of the Regional Intergovernmental Council, which provides an array of services that support economic development, infrastructure, planning and intergovernmental cooperation.

Before serving the City of St. Albans, Callaway was involved in broadcasting and education. He is a past president of the WV Associated Press Broadcasters Association. He is the former owner and operator of radio stations in both Charleston and Boone County, WV. He has served as a member of the executive council for AARP West Virginia. While with AARP, he produced and hosted the AARP West Virginia television broadcast. Before becoming mayor, Callaway produced and hosted several television programs in the Charleston viewing area. Callaway is the current host of "Community Issues" for the West Virginia Library Network. In the field of Education, he served as the President of the WV Vocational Education Association.

These experiences have proven invaluable in his duties and performance as Mayor. Under his leadership, the St. Albans Drug Prevention Task Force was established; St. Alban's Main Street was opened for economic development; the old Alban Theater was purchased and transformed into a theatrical production house for theatrical performances and as a home for the Alban Arts Academy for classes in the performing and visual arts. He also oversaw the reconstruction of the Dick Henderson Bridge, an essential span over the Kanawha River connecting the Cities of St. Albans and Nitro. Callaway also saves the St. Albans Municipal Utility Commission at least \$75,000 annually by serving as its General Manager.

Callaway, and his wife Libby, celebrated their 51st wedding anniversary in July of this year. He and Libby have two daughters, six grandchildren, and are the loving pet parents to Becker the beagle and Roz the terrier. Even with his hectic schedule, Mayor Callaway takes his 90+ year-old Mother to the beauty parlor and shopping every Saturday morning.

His leadership gifts shine not only on the professional front, but also in his personal life. Callaway is a Deacon and Adult Bible Study Teacher at First Baptist Church in St. Albans. He is kind hearted, mild mannered and always ready to help others, which has gained him the support, love and respect of not only the citizens of St. Albans, but his employees as well.

Mr. Speaker, the State of West Virginia, City of St. Albans, and indeed, the United States of America owe Mayor Dick Callaway a debt of gratitude for his many years of distinguished service. I would like to close by offering Congratulations to Mayor Callaway on this prestigious, much deserved honor. I am truly privileged to call him my friend and fellow West Virginian.

RECOGNIZING MR. JARED POLACK

HON. LEE TERRY

OF NEBRASKA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, September 8, 2014

Mr. TERRY. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Mr. Jared Polack. He is one of two top Junior Reserve Officers Training Corps (J.R.O.T.C.) cadets from Nebraska to receive the organization's highest commendation, the Legion of Valor Award.

A selection board reviews thousands of applications each year and total of twenty-nine awards were given out by the national

J.R.O.T.C. program to receive this prestigious award. As a senior at Burke High school, Mr. Polack rose to the rank of Major within J.R.O.T.C. program. This amazing accomplishment recognizes the progress of leadership skills and scholarly knowledge within military and academic achievements within our nation's college preparation programs.

Not only has he reached tremendous heights in the military preparation program, but he is also involved with actively volunteering at the Friedel Jewish Academy, National Honor Society, and a member of student council. This remarkable young man has set goals to attend West Point, the Naval Academy in Annapolis, and continue to participate in officer preparation courses at a higher level of education.

Mr. Speaker, please join me in congratulating Jared Polack and the J.R.O.T.C. Mentors within Omaha Burke High School—J.R.O.T.C. on this achievement. They have set the standards high and have become a symbol for Nebraskans within the Junior Reserve Training Corps for years to come.

IN RECOGNITION OF STEVE K.
OSHITA

HON. JACKIE SPEIER

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, September 8, 2014

Ms. SPEIER. Mr. Speaker, I rise to honor Steve K. Oshita—affectionately called Mr. O—who retired after 37 years of teaching math and science at Crocker Middle School in Hillsborough, California. Mr. O is no ordinary math and science teacher because his students learn about life and leadership.

He starts out his new classes by announcing that “respect is the very first thing we will learn in this class.” That is followed by his instruction that “body language is everything, students. If you are sitting up, you are ready to learn; if you slouch, you are not!”

Every student in his class sits up straight and is ready to learn. The respect is mutual. Mr. O is one of the most thoughtful and dedicated educators I have met. He gained the deepest respect of my two children whom he taught math, science and invaluable lessons for life. They remember him as personable, resolute, with a wonderful sense of humor and the gift of creating a great environment for learning.

In the Hillsborough community, Mr. O is known as one of the most beloved teachers at Crocker. Alumni often return just to visit with him. For one year he served as the Vice Principal, but that took too much time away from the classroom and he went back to teaching only.

Steve Oshita was born in San Francisco, California. His parents wanted him to become a dentist and he started his education at UC Berkeley in pre-medical technology, but his calling was science and he earned his degree in Biology and Entomology, the study of insects. He then earned his teaching credential at San Francisco State University and has been teaching ever since.

Not surprisingly, Mr. O married another Hillsborough teacher, Robyn Chamness. They met in 1986, married in 1995 and have two lovely children, Reid and Renee.

Mr. O loves to dress up at school events. A fan of Motown music, Saturday Night Fever and Miami Vice he has been spotted as John Travolta and Don Johnson. He is also an enthusiastic sports fan and enjoys SCUBA diving, basketball, tennis—religiously every Sunday—and the Giants.

Mr. Speaker, I ask the House of Representatives to rise with me to honor Steve Oshita, a model educator who has inspired hundreds of children and set them on a path to lifelong learning and success.

TO RECOGNIZE THE 101ST ANNI-
VERSARY OF THE LADIES AUX-
ILIARY TO THE VETERANS OF
FOREIGN WARS OF THE UNITED
STATES

HON. MICHAEL G. FITZPATRICK

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, September 8, 2014

Mr. FITZPATRICK. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the Ladies Auxiliary to the Veterans of Foreign Wars of the United States on its 101st year of service. The organization honors military service and ensures that the history of America's veterans is preserved for future generations. Rallied behind National President Ann Pantekeakos's theme “Patriotism Begins at Home,” 500,000 members across the country, including those from the seven auxiliaries in my home district, work to maintain veterans' memorials, share veterans' history with the community, volunteer at veterans' hospitals, and provide scholarships to students recognizing patriotism through art and volunteerism. I congratulate the Ladies Auxiliary on its outstanding work and wish its members continued success as they serve our veterans and their families.

IN RECOGNITION OF DANNY
GLOVER

HON. SANFORD D. BISHOP, JR.

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, September 8, 2014

Mr. BISHOP of Georgia. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize an outstanding actor, producer, humanitarian, activist and motivational speaker, Mr. Danny Glover. Mr. Glover was featured at a Health and Wellness Benefit on Friday, August 15, 2014 at 7:00 p.m. at the Occasion Event Center in Columbus, Georgia.

Mr. Glover was born in San Francisco, California on July 22, 1946. He trained at the Black Actors' Workshop of the American Conservatory Theatre. His Broadway debut in Athol Fugard's Master Harold . . . and the Boys earned him national recognition and led director Robert Benton to cast him in his first leading role in 1984's Academy Award-nominated Best Picture, *Places in the Heart*. Mr. Glover then starred in two more Best Picture-nominated films, Peter Weir's *Witness* and Steven Spielberg's *The Color Purple*. In 1987, Mr. Glover partnered with Mel Gibson in the first *Lethal Weapon* film and went on to star in three hugely successful *Lethal Weapon* sequels. Throughout his career, he has starred in a multitude of films, including in *The Royal*

Tenenbaums; *Saw*; *Shooter*; *Death at a Funeral*; 2012; and the critically-acclaimed *Dreamgirls*.

Mr. Glover has also invested his talents in more personal projects including the award-winning *To Sleep With Anger*, which he executive produced and for which he won an Independent Spirit Award for Best Actor; as well as *Bopha!*; *Manderlay*; *Missing in America*; and the film version of Fugard's play *Boseman and Lena*. In 2005, Mr. Glover co-founded New-York based *Louverture Films*, a company dedicated to the development and production of films of historical relevance, social purpose, commercial value and artistic integrity.

Not one to rest on his laurels, Mr. Glover dedicates much of his time to community activism and philanthropic efforts, concentrating on advocacy for economic justice and access to health care and education programs in the United States and Africa. He served as a Goodwill Ambassador for the United Nations Development Program from 1998–2004, focusing on issues of poverty, disease and economic development in Africa, Latin America, and the Caribbean. He currently serves as a UNICEF Ambassador.

Among his many recognitions and accolades, Mr. Glover was the recipient of a 2006 Director's Guild Award; 2011 “Pioneer Award” from the National Civil Rights Museum; and several NAACP Image Awards and CableACE Awards. He earned an Emmy nomination for his performance in the title role of the HBO *Movie Mandela*.

Mr. Glover has not only been a commanding presence on screen, stage, and television but also a driving force on the international stage for humanitarianism. Nelson Mandela once said, “For to be free is not merely to cast off one's chains, but to live in a way that respects and enhances the freedom of others.” Mr. Glover embodies this statement thoroughly, for in light of his enormous personal success, he continues to fight hard for the rights and freedoms of others.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me, my wife Vivian, and the more than 700,000 residents of Georgia's Second Congressional District in recognizing Mr. Danny Glover for his remarkable accomplishments as an actor and for his unwavering courage, strong values, and an avid pursuit of equality and justice as a humanitarian.

HONORING THE CARREKER-JONES
FAMILY

HON. HENRY C. “HANK” JOHNSON, JR.

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, September 8, 2014

Mr. JOHNSON of Georgia. Mr. Speaker, I submit the following Proclamation.

Whereas, In the 1800's, the Carreker-Jones Family began with their oldest known family members in Talbotton, Talbot County, Georgia; since that time, they have blessed us with descendants across the country who have helped to shape and mold our nation; and

Whereas, today we honor all of the matriarchs and patriarchs, who are pillars of strength for the Carreker-Jones family; and

Whereas, in our beloved Fourth Congressional District of Georgia, we are honored to have many members of the Carreker-Jones

family who are some of our most productive citizens; and

Whereas, family is one of the most honored and cherished institutions in the world, we take pride in knowing that families such as the Carreker-Jones family have set aside this time to fellowship with each other, honor one another and to pass along history to each other by meeting at this year's family reunion in Washington, DC; and

Whereas, the U.S. Representative of the Fourth District of Georgia has set aside this day to honor and recognize the Carreker-Jones Family; Now therefore, I, HENRY C. "HANK" JOHNSON, Jr., do hereby proclaim, July 25, 2014 as The Carreker-Jones Family Reunion Day in the 4th Congressional District of Georgia.

Proclaimed, this 25th day of July, 2014.

DOMINICAN STATE PARADE AND FESTIVAL OF NEW JERSEY

HON. BILL PASCRELL, JR.

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, September 8, 2014

Mr. PASCRELL. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the Dominican State Parade and Festival of New Jersey on the 25th Anniversary of their dedication in the promotion and celebration of Dominican culture and values. The Dominican State Parade and Festival of New Jersey has reached a milestone that few other organizations in our community can claim, and has made many valuable contributions throughout our great State of New Jersey over the past 25 years.

Founded in 1989, the Dominican State Parade and Festival of New Jersey celebrated to commemorate the restoration of independence for the Dominican Republic. The Dominican Restoration War, a guerilla war between nationalists and Spain, who had recolonized the country 17 years after the Dominican Republic had gained independence from Haiti, ended with Dominican victory and is celebrated in August.

For the past 25 years, the Dominican State Parade and Festival of New Jersey has been a great event in the Dominican community in the State of New Jersey. It was initially celebrated in August in celebration of the restoration of independence but is now celebrated during the month of September.

The Dominican State Parade and Festival of New Jersey had its beginnings with the election of a board of directors composed of men and women members of Club Dominicano Ramon Matias Mella and Casa Dominicana de Paterson. My good friend, Ms. Elsa Mantilla, was elected as the first president followed by 15 other individuals who have led this organization.

Ms. Elsa Mantilla has returned to serve as president of the Dominican State Parade and Festival of New Jersey and has been serving since 2004. For the past 10 years, Ms. Mantilla has devoted herself by taking on the management responsibility of the activity, with the help of previous presidents.

The Dominican State Parade and Festival of New Jersey has served to project Dominican values in the State of New Jersey, which stand out in culture, sports, arts, folklore, as well as providing an opportunity for many

youths to be recognized within the social and political environments of the state.

Mr. Speaker, I ask that you join our colleagues, all Dominican State Parade and Festival of New Jersey members, and all Dominican-Americans in New Jersey as they celebrate this amazing milestone. It is without question that all those affiliated with the Dominican State Parade and Festival of New Jersey have a great love for their heritage and their dedication and loyalty to project Dominican values in America is commendable.

RECOGNIZING JON CASEY OF THE SOUTHLAKE FIRE DEPARTMENT

HON. KENNY MARCHANT

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, September 8, 2014

Mr. MARCHANT. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Jon Casey of the Southlake Fire Department in Southlake, Texas. Casey was honored yesterday, September 7th, by the Southlake Baptist Church during a special service for first responders. Though only having been a firefighter in Southlake for a short time, Casey has demonstrated noteworthy courage and dedication to serving others.

Jon Casey was hired by the Southlake Fire Department on June 17, 2013. In little more than a year, he has made a difference in the lives of those around him numerous times. He and his colleague, Kevin Barry, stayed with fellow firefighter, Justin Speaker, and cared for him as he went through a medical tragedy and eventually passed away. Later they helped his family when they came to town to mourn and settle affairs.

On another occasion, Mr. Casey was off duty and driving outside of Southlake with two other firefighters, Kyle Warden and Isaiah Gonzalez, when they approached an overturned and ablaze ATV. They sprang into action and gave medical attention to an 11 year old girl who had been trapped underneath it and found nearby with severe burns. They then accompanied the local paramedics who arrived afterward and continued to provide needed assistance. They have since visited her at Parkland Hospital's burn unit and have followed her recovery.

Instances of Mr. Casey going out of his way to help others have also been noted in ways that would seem small but that made a world of difference to those whom he has touched. He was among three firefighters who helped Betty Hawthorne, a woman who was traveling and had pulled over at their station for help with her power window that would not roll up. Little did they know that she was coming from the funeral of a dear friend and lost many other loved ones that year. She was deeply distraught and was driving hours on a blistering hot day to see her grandson play in a baseball game. Along with Lieutenant Marshall Urbanosky and Engineer Tony Peyton, Casey successfully repaired her window. Their compassion left Betty with such an impression that she wrote a letter to the Fire Chief, describing the whole story with great gratitude.

Southlake Fire Department Deputy Chief Wade Carroll, reflecting on Jon Casey, has written that he cannot "help but think that his kind heart toward those in need has driven his career choice, his actions, and the actions of

his friends. Because of people like [Jon] the fire service will continue to stand for showing the compassion of Christ to those in need." The City of Southlake will be most fortunate as Casey continues to devote himself to public service, both on and off duty.

Mr. Speaker, it is my honor to ask all of my distinguished colleagues to join me in congratulating Jon Casey on his well-earned community recognition for his exceptionally sacrificial and caring service as a member of the Southlake Fire Department.

PAYING TRIBUTE TO MS. LEE STURTEVANT

HON. ZOE LOFGREN

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, September 8, 2014

Ms. LOFGREN. Mr. Speaker, I rise with my colleagues, Congress members ANNA ESHOO and MIKE HONDA, to recognize the impact of Ms. Lee Sturtevant's lifelong service on the County of Santa Clara. We would like to express our deep sadness over her passing on August 7, 2014, in San Jose at the age of 91.

Ms. Sturtevant was a life-long, dedicated, selfless, and influential activist in Santa Clara County, particularly in her tenacious leadership capacity within the Santa Clara County Democratic Central Committee and of Democratic Activists for Women Now (DAWN). A committed Democrat, she believed in the government's importance in advancing opportunities for those who had none.

Ms. Sturtevant dedicated her life to getting women involved in politics. In 1974, she successfully managed the campaign of Assemblywoman Leona Egeland, the only woman serving on the Assembly at the time. In 1981, Ms. Sturtevant served as my Chief of Staff when I was first elected to the Santa Clara County Board of Supervisors. She was a staffer for many other Santa Clara County area elected officials over the years, including Congressman Honda.

Ms. Sturtevant was a dedicated advocate for those with developmental disabilities. She worked as a teacher and librarian for the Cupertino School District, and served on the San Jose Unified School District Board of Education. She had walked precincts for Franklin D. Roosevelt, organized community college professors, and conducted workshops on collective bargaining for the Detroit United Auto Workers. Ms. Sturtevant's continued hands-on involvement in key social issues cannot be overstated.

We join Ms. Sturtevant's family, colleagues, and the Santa Clara County community to express our heartbreak and great sense of loss. Ms. Lee Sturtevant was a source of tireless advocacy for social change and improvements in the lives of others and a tremendous force for good. She was a leader, advisor, and a mentor to many women and girls over the course of her impressive career. She leaves Santa Clara County and our world a better place and will be dearly missed.

RECOGNIZING GARY RALPH
VANCOUR

HON. WILLIAM L. OWENS

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, September 8, 2014

Mr. OWENS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Gary Ralph VanCour. For many years, Mr. VanCour has given his time and energy to promote his community and encourage its success.

Mr. VanCour has served for the past seven years as Co-Chair for the Battle of Plattsburgh Commemoration Committee, working diligently to promote the Commemoration and ensure that it continues to be an event of the highest quality. As a member of the War of 1812 Bicentennial Council: Lake Champlain Region, Mr. VanCour has worked with the Adirondack Coast Visitors Bureau to promote heritage tourism for the region.

Mr. VanCour is also a retired Social Studies teacher and Department chair for the Beekmantown Central School District in New York State. He served as President of the New York State Social Studies Supervisory Association and is currently the Town of Beekmantown Historian. He is widely respected for his work in the field of education, having led efforts to align the Beekmantown Central School curriculum with New York State Social Studies Standards.

Mr. VanCour is a father and grandfather as well as a musician and community volunteer. Each of us can learn from his extraordinary dedication to serving his community.

CONGRATULATING BRADEN
MUSCARELLO ON RECEIVING
PRESTIGIOUS SCHOLARSHIP

HON. PETE OLSON

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, September 8, 2014

Mr. OLSON. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Braden Muscarello for being awarded a Kennedy-Lugar YES Abroad scholarship to study in Oman during the 2014–2015 academic year. Braden, a sophomore at William P. Clements High School in Sugar Land, Texas, is one of only 65 American students selected to serve as YES Abroad youth ambassador to educate other countries about American culture.

As a YES Abroad student, Braden will help foster mutual understanding between the people of the United States and the people of Oman to promote friendly and peaceful relations. She will live with a host family in Muscat, attend a local high school and participate in activities with her Omani peers. Not only will she educate others about American culture, she'll also bring back her own experiences of Omani society and values and help build a social foundation for the development of a strong bilateral relationship between our two countries.

I wish Braden the best of luck as she studies in Oman this year. On behalf of the residents of the Twenty-Second Congressional District of Texas, congratulations to Braden Muscarello for earning a Kennedy-Lugar YES Abroad scholarship.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. GENE GREEN

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, September 8, 2014

Mr. GENE GREEN of Texas. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to note that while I was in Washington for much of Friday, August 1, 2014, I was unable to vote on legislation considered that day due to previously scheduled events in the district.

If I had been able to vote that day, I would have voted as follows:

On the Motion on Ordering the Previous Question on H. Res. 700, roll No. 474, I would have voted "no."

On consideration of H. Res. 700, a resolution to waive certain requirements under Clause 6(a) of House Rule XIII, roll No. 475, I would have voted "no."

On the Motion on Ordering the Previous Question on H. Res. 710, roll No. 476, I would have voted "no."

On consideration of H. Res. 710, a resolution providing the rule for H.R. 5230 and H.R. 5272, roll No. 477, I would have voted "no."

On Passage of H.R. 5230, Supplemental Appropriations Related to the Humanitarian Crisis at the Southwest Border, roll No. 478, I would have voted "no."

On Passage of H.R. 5272, to prohibit certain actions with respect to deferred action for aliens not lawfully present in the United States, roll No. 479, I would have voted "no."

On Concurring to the Senate Amendments to H.J. Res. 76, Emergency Supplemental Funding to Israel for the Iron Dome Defense System, roll No. 480, I would have voted "yes."

OUR UNCONSCIONABLE NATIONAL
DEBT

HON. MIKE COFFMAN

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, September 8, 2014

Mr. COFFMAN. Mr. Speaker, on January 20, 2009, the day President Obama took office, the national debt was \$10,626,877,048,913.08.

Today, it is \$17,756,856,045,819.45. We've added \$7,129,978,996,906.37 to our debt in 5 years. This is over \$7.1 trillion in debt our nation, our economy, and our children could have avoided with a balanced budget amendment.

HONORING MS. SUSAN HAMMER

HON. ZOE LOFGREN

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, September 8, 2014

Ms. LOFGREN. Mr. Speaker, I rise to recognize Ms. Susan Hammer and congratulate her on her Cornerstone of the Arts Award, a timely and well-deserved honor.

From the beginning of her career in public service, Ms. Hammer worked tirelessly to link San Jose's civic future to the continued growth and development of its arts and cultural insti-

tutions. Indeed, she entered public life in 1969 by founding a community art museum that became the San Jose Museum of Art. She was instrumental in saving the historic building now home to its administrative offices from destruction.

Ms. Hammer's unwavering support of the arts continued throughout her illustrious career. As the 62nd Mayor of San Jose, Ms. Hammer led the creation of San Jose's first cultural plan, which served as the blueprint for the evolution of the Office of Cultural Affairs and led to arts education reform. Ms. Hammer created San Jose's first cultural tourism program, worked to build The Tech as a museum of national stature, and fought to complete the Guadalupe River Park. Ms. Hammer made sure that The Rep got a permanent home in San Jose. Together with the San Jose State University President, Ms. Hammer developed the idea of creating a joint library and was part of a committee that raised \$16.5 million for the completion of San Jose's stunning Martin Luther King Jr. Library.

Ms. Hammer is a trailblazer when it comes to the development of San Jose area's thriving community and dynamic culture. As Mayor, she focused on affordable housing, child care, education, the arts, and the revitalization of the San Jose Downtown.

Ms. Hammer is truly the "cornerstone" of the San Jose arts community and sets the highest standard for public service. Unsurprisingly, in her retirement, Ms. Hammer continues to be civically involved and active in community and educational organizations.

I wish to congratulate Ms. Susan Hammer on her Cornerstone of the Arts Award and express my gratitude for her exceptional leadership and lasting impact on the San Jose art and cultural landscape.

CELEBRATING NATIONAL JOB
CORPS ASSOCIATION'S 50TH AN-
NIVERSARY

HON. DANIEL T. KILDEE

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, September 8, 2014

Mr. KILDEE. Mr. Speaker, I ask the U.S. House of Representatives to join me in recognizing and congratulating the National Job Corps Association on their 50th Anniversary. Over the course of 50 years, millions of at-risk youth have been forever changed by Job Corps' comprehensive residential, academic and career preparation programs.

In my hometown, the Flint Genesee Job Corps Center provides a vital service to our community by serving hundreds of disadvantaged youth between 16 and 24 years of age, inclusive, by providing high school diplomas and career technical education to young men and women.

In addition to academic and employment training, these Job Corps Centers throughout the country provide social skills training and other services to empower young men and women to obtain and hold a job, enroll in advanced training, attend college, or enter the Armed Forces to defend the interest of the United States around the world.

It is timely and appropriate that we join Flint and Genesee County in celebrating the National Job Corps Association and its accomplishments, including reducing the cycle of

poverty, strengthening our local community, and improving the quality of thousands of lives.

Mr. Speaker, I applaud the National Job Corps Association, and the Flint Genesee Job Corps Center, for their unwavering commitment and service to our great country.

IN RECOGNITION OF LEONARD PEEVY'S 60 YEARS OF SERVICE TO THE AMERICAN LEGION

HON. MIKE ROGERS

OF ALABAMA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, September 8, 2014

Mr. ROGERS of Alabama. Mr. Speaker, I ask for the House's attention today to recognize Mr. Leonard Peevy. Mr. Peevy has been a dedicated member of American Legion Post No. 79 for 60 years.

Leonard Peevy is an Alabama Army National Guard Veteran who has served our country through three tours. These tours took him to the Korean War and Berlin. He joined the American Legion after returning for war, and he has served the American Legion in numerous capacities. He has served on local, district and state levels. Mr. Peevy served as the state commander of the American Legion in 1993. He was also awarded a certificate from the national American Legion for his dedication over the past 60 years.

Mr. Speaker, please join me in thanking Mr. Leonard Peevy for his tireless dedication to serving our nation's Veterans. His service to our state and country is an inspiration.

CONGRATULATING CINCO RANCH'S ROBOTICS TEAM

HON. PETE OLSON

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, September 8, 2014

Mr. OLSON. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Cinco Ranch High School's Robotics Team CRYptonite 624 and its robot "Sidewinder" for winning the 2014 Texas Robot Roundup Tournament. This is the third year in a row Cinco Ranch has won the highly competitive statewide contest that requires advanced scientific, technical, and engineering skill.

At the fourth annual Texas Robot Roundup in Austin, Team CRYptonite 624 designed and built a robot to throw a fitness ball over trusses and into goals. The strength of the robot's performance reflects their dedication to learning and innovation.

I am proud of the scientific and engineering ingenuity Team CRYptonite 624 demonstrated. On behalf of the residents of the Twenty-Second Congressional District of Texas, congratulations to Cinco Ranch High School's Team CRYptonite 624 for winning its third consecutive Texas Robot Roundup Tournament.

RECOGNIZING REV. DR. ROOSEVELT AUSTIN, SR. FOR HIS EXEMPLARY LEADERSHIP AND COMMITMENT TO COMMUNITY

HON. DANIEL T. KILDEE

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, September 8, 2014

Mr. KILDEE. Mr. Speaker, I ask the U.S. House of Representatives to join me in recognizing Rev. Dr. Roosevelt Austin, Sr., a spiritual pillar in the city of Saginaw, with more than 60 years of dedicated service to his community.

Rev. Dr. Roosevelt Austin served as Pastor of Zion Baptist Church in Saginaw for 44 years. He has also served as Interim Pastor for St. Paul Missionary Baptist Church in Saginaw, Foss Ave. Baptist Church in Flint and Mt. Olive Baptist Church in Flint.

Rev. Dr. Austin received his primary education in Opelousas, Louisiana. He went on to receive his Bachelor of Theology from McKinley Roosevelt College in Chicago, Illinois; a Master of Theology from Ohio Christian College in Columbus, Ohio; a Doctor of Divinity Degree from American Divinity School in Chicago, Illinois; and a Doctor of Humanities from Saginaw Valley State University.

Rev. Dr. Austin is a vital voice that has embraced our community through the spirit of service. He has served through many entities, some including Saginaw City Council, Opportunity Industrial Center, Pastors Concern for the Poor, Saginaw Public Schools, and as member of the Board of Directors for Citizens Bank.

Rev. Dr. Austin also holds the honor of Past President, Saginaw Valley District Congress of Christian Education; Past President, Michigan Wolverine State Congress of Christian Education; Seminar Leader, National Congress of Christian Education; and Moderator for the Saginaw Valley District Association.

Now retired, Dr. Austin enjoys spending time with his wife, Dr. Nurame Austin, his children, grandchildren, and great grandchild.

Mr. Speaker, I applaud Rev. Dr. Roosevelt Austin for his strong leadership and unwavering commitment to our community.

HONORING KIMBERLY EVANS

HON. JULIA BROWNLEY

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, September 8, 2014

Ms. BROWNLEY of California. Mr. Speaker, today I rise to recognize Kimberly Evans, an outstanding community leader, public servant, and tireless advocate for military members, veterans, and their families in Ventura County. Kim Evans demonstrates remarkable service to our community as the Founder and Director of the Ventura County Military Collaborative, which fosters invaluable collaboration among government, non-profit, and community agencies, organizations and individuals to strengthen and promote the military network of care throughout the region.

Kim earned a Master's Degree in Clinical Psychology from Pepperdine University and is a Licensed Marriage and Family Therapist and Licensed Professional Clinic Counselor in

Ventura County. Additionally, Kim was trained at the National Center for PTSD and has been an Embedded Therapist for the Army National Guard and Director of Psychological Health, specializing in working with military members and their families.

Kim Evans has devoted over 14 years in service to our military community and is an acknowledged expert on the effects of military deployment on service members and their families. She has tirelessly dedicated her expertise to brief over 8,000 military personnel and family members on mental health issues, and train over 1,200 clinicians throughout the state of California on military culture and working with military members and their families.

As Director of the Ventura County Military Collaborative, her outstanding leadership has culminated in three annual Military and Veteran Expos, providing community, fellowship, food, and entertainment, along with free employment, legal, and benefits assistance, which serves to reduce unemployment and homelessness among veterans in our community. Furthermore, Kim has organized numerous community events serving military and veteran families, including Operation Snow Flake, an annual event bringing together Ventura County Military Collaborative members and local volunteers to provide a holiday celebration filled with presents, food, and special guests for military and veteran families in need.

Currently, Kim also works with the Ventura County Superior Court as the Veterans Court Liaison, training California police departments on how to work with veterans and how to create successful reintegration for returning law enforcement officers who have been mobilized for combat. Kim's committed involvement in Veterans Court has led directly to a program expansion of over 30% and now includes the Mentor Program, building relationships between veterans. Kim also developed a Veterans Legal Clinic to provide free legal information and advice.

For these reasons, it is my distinct honor to recognize and express my sincere appreciation to Kimberly Evans for her remarkable accomplishments and unwavering support and service to the military and veteran population of Ventura County. She is an exemplary citizen, and her tireless advocacy for current and former members of the United States Armed Forces has made an immeasurable impact upon our community.

INTRODUCTION OF THE UNACCOMPANIED ALIEN CHILDREN TRANSPARENCY ACT

HON. LOU BARLETTA

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, September 8, 2014

Mr. BARLETTA. Mr. Speaker, today I am introducing legislation to empower governors and local elected officials to control whether or not the federal government can place unaccompanied minors, who have illegally entered the country, into their communities.

For the last several months, the United States' southern border with Mexico has been flooded by illegal immigrants, many of them whom are unaccompanied minors.

Throughout my time in Congress, I have been a leading voice in arguing for securing

our borders. I have also opposed amnesty for illegal immigrants who are already here. And I have fought for a biometric exit system to make sure that we know exactly who has entered the United States on a visa, and who has not returned home as they were supposed to.

More than 60 thousand so-called “unaccompanied minors” have arrived at our southern border, mostly from the Central American countries of El Salvador, Guatemala, and Honduras. This is a 10-fold increase in unaccompanied minors crossing the border since 2011. We have heard a lot of excuses for why they have come here in violation of our immigration laws. We have been told that they are fleeing violence in their home countries, but there has not been any substantial increase in violence there. So it must be something else.

What has changed is that the Obama administration implemented its DACA policy—Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals—in 2012. This policy tells people that, so long as they make it to this country safely, they won’t be asked to leave. The president has put out the welcome mat for residents of other countries, and told them that our immigration laws will not be enforced.

I went down to the border, near McAllen, Texas, and saw the situation with my own eyes. Some of the individual cases I heard were heartbreaking.

But when I talked to the Border Patrol agents, they told me a different story. Many of the “unaccompanied minors” are in fact arriving with members of their families, or they are seeking to meet up with members of their families who are already here illegally. In addition, over three fourths of them are males, between the ages of 14 and 17. And many of them are affiliated with violent, criminal gangs, or are being recruited for gang membership right there at the border.

And many of them carry communicable diseases.

And, the administration has begun to transport thousands of these illegal immigrants to communities all across the country.

That’s where the problems in our own backyard begin.

Just a couple of months ago, I learned from city officials in Hazleton, my hometown, that they had been contacted by a non-profit group, the U.S. Committee for Refugees and Immigrants, about housing some of the minors at a location right across the street from my district office.

That’s how I found out—because the organization had called the city. The federal government didn’t tell anyone about the plan: not the Governor, not the Department of Public Welfare, not Luzerne County.

When I made the information public, residents of Hazleton rightly expressed their concerns, and the plan was dropped.

But we learned an important lesson in that episode: the federal government is working with organizations across the country to place unaccompanied minors in various communities . . . without telling anyone in the state or locality that they are doing so.

As of July 31st, we know that at least 456 unaccompanied minor illegal immigrants have been released to sponsors in Pennsylvania. The shelters and facilities—according to the best information available right now—are in Mechanicsburg, Womelsdorf, Bethlehem, Montgomery County, and Philadelphia.

There could be others, and there could be plans—right now—being made to house more . . . all without telling state or local governments.

This must stop.

So today I am introducing legislation that will give state and local governments a heads-up when such plans are in the works.

My “Unaccompanied Alien Children Transparency Act” is very straightforward.

It truly will empower states—governors of states—and local governments by providing them with all of the information they need to make an informed decision about relocation plans, and giving them an opportunity to either approve or reject those plans.

First, it will require the Secretary of Health and Human Services, also known as HHS, to provide detailed information regarding the pending relocation of unaccompanied minors. The Secretary will have to inform state and local elected officials of the locations and durations of any housing contracts awarded, and also provide an assessment of the costs associated with and potential impact on education, health, and public safety. The Secretary must also certify to state and local officials that the unaccompanied minors have undergone health screenings, including vaccinations, and that they pose no public health threat. Additionally, the Secretary must certify that the unaccompanied minors and the individuals who will take custody of them have undergone background checks and pose no public safety threat.

Not only should states and localities know about these relocation plans, they ought to know what impact the unaccompanied minors will have on the community. Who exactly are they, and what kind of background screenings have been done? If they will be educated locally in public schools, how much is that going to cost? These are important questions that any community would ask.

The legislation will also require HHS to provide a 30-day notice and comment period for states and localities to review any proposed contract and accompanying certifications of health and public safety background checks. At the conclusion of the 30-day comment period, HHS will have to hold a public hearing within 10 days and provide a representative to address community concerns or questions.

At the end of the initial comment period, the governor of the state in question must decide whether to affirm the contract within seven days. If the governor does not affirm the contract, it is effectively vetoed. If the governor does affirm the contract, then the county commissioners for that jurisdiction will have seven additional days in which to object to the contract. If a majority of the county commissioners do not affirm the contract, then it is again effectively vetoed.

The people in my home city of Hazleton found out about the plans to bring unaccompanied minors into our community, and they made their voices heard. It’s only fair that Americans everywhere have the same opportunity, through their elected officials at the local and state level.

Last week I held a press conference in Hazleton to announce my intention to introduce this legislation, and I was joined by our Chief of Police, Frank DeAndrea, and the Superintendent of Hazleton Area Public Schools, Dr. Frank Antonelli.

Dr. Antonelli told me that this school year, four teenagers—part of the wave of the so-

called “unaccompanied minors”—came forward to enroll in the Hazleton school system. They are all males, ranging in age from 14 to 17. Two of them have had no formal education at all in their entire lives. Dr. Antonelli is still trying to find out the educational background for the other two.

Take one for an example. He is 17-years-old, has no education whatsoever, and speaks not a word of English. How, Mr. Speaker, is a local school division expected to deal with this new student? What grade does he go into?

And since we know that there are as many as 14 distinct dialects of Spanish spoken in some Central American countries, how exactly are the schools expected to communicate with him?

This is a problem that the federal government has dropped on the doorsteps of localities around the country.

This bill is especially important right now, because we have seen the federal government act in secrecy.

The administration has denied “right to know” requests from various organizations, and refuses to disclose exactly where the children are being transported.

This is from a president who promised to be transparent.

Unfortunately, this legislation is necessary to make sure that our states and localities know exactly what the federal government is doing right in their own backyards.

Now, I’m a father and grandfather, and I have seen the conditions of some of the people who have come to the southern border. I have compassion for their situations.

But I also believe that the responsibility for them should rest largely on the countries that they came from.

This should not be America’s problem alone.

And it certainly shouldn’t be the problem of states and localities, which are right now being kept in the dark about the movements of illegal immigrants.

Mr. Speaker, the failure of the federal government to do its job in enforcing immigration laws should not become a growing burden on the folks back home.

RECOGNIZING MARY CATHERINE ABBOTT

HON. NICK J. RAHALL II

OF WEST VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, September 8, 2014

Mr. RAHALL. Mr. Speaker, with the new school year upon us, we are reminded of the great role education has played in our personal and professional growth. And we can’t help but smile as we remember the educators, the teachers, school administrators and staff who, through the years, so enriched our lives. One individual who devoted her career and most of her adult life to education certainly comes to mind, Ms. Mary Abbott.

Ms. Abbott passed away late last year. And yet, Mr. Speaker, Mary Abbott’s influence lives on. In fact, as has been said, a teacher affects eternity; they never know where their influence ends. Mary Abbott taught sound lessons throughout her productive life; even long after her formal role in education had come to an end, her selfless service continued for her community.

Ms. Abbott devoted a great deal of time educating herself so she could serve others. She graduated from Woodrow Wilson High School and received Bachelor Degrees from St. Mary of the Springs College in Columbus, Ohio, and Concord College in Athens, West Virginia. She received a Masters Degree in Elementary Education from West Virginia University and did advanced studies at the University.

Ms. Abbott taught at Rhodell, Stoco and Hollywood Elementary Schools. She served as curriculum supervisor for Raleigh County Schools for 28 years and served on numerous committees at the county, state and national levels.

Retiring from the Raleigh County School system in 1988, Ms. Abbott became active in the West Virginia and Raleigh County Associations of Retired School Employees, and was a West Virginia State volunteer for AARP serving as the West Virginia Retired Educators Liaison. She was a Prisoner Visitation and Support Volunteer at the Federal Correctional Institution of Beckley, a member of the Woman's Club of Beckley serving as the president in 2008–2010, Delta Kappa Gamma Honorary Society for teachers, and a member of the Raleigh County Democrat Executive Committee.

It's not surprising that Ms. Abbott's love for our great Nation and her passion for learning continue to benefit her community. On September 17th the first Mary Abbott Memorial Scholarship awards will be presented to three worthy Raleigh County high school students who have penned winning essays titled, "What the United States Constitution Means to Me."

Mr. Speaker, it is because of the contributions of dedicated, devoted citizens, like Mary Abbott, that this Nation has been so blessed. And because of the lessons Mary Abbott so selflessly imparted to generations, her work will continue without end.

HONORING LEAH LACAYO

HON. JULIA BROWNLEY

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, September 8, 2014

Ms. BROWNLEY of California. Mr. Speaker, today I rise to recognize Leah Lacayo, an exemplary civil servant, advocate, and community leader in Ventura County.

Leah Lacayo has defined civil service through her leadership roles in her community. Her volunteer work has included serving as a trustee of the Ventura County Fair Foundation, a founding member of Destino: The Hispanic Legacy Fund, a board member to the Jewish Labor Committee, and member of the Labor Council for Latin American Advancement.

She is a staunch advocate for young people and a passionate supporter for women's rights. Leah has also been a steward for the senior community working alongside her husband, Hank, with the Congress of California Seniors.

Additionally, Leah Lacayo has been an active community leader and champion for California State University at Channel Islands (CSUCI) since the university's inception in 2002. More recently, she was elected as the Alumni and Friends Association's Executive Board President in 2009. While serving in this capacity, her goals were to promote a self-

sustaining board and create scholarship opportunities for students. Over the years, Leah has been a steadfast supporter of CSUCI students as a voice that encourages and empowers them to pursue their academic endeavors.

The work Leah has done, and continues to do, has strengthened our community in a remarkable way. Never failing to rise to the occasion when being asked to serve, the Board of Directors to the 31st District Agricultural Association elected Leah Lacayo as President while serving her second appointment to the board. In this capacity, she oversees the legal body governing the fair and fairgrounds in Ventura County. Leah has upheld the fair as a regional enterprise and continuing source of income for the area.

Leah is a good friend to many and I certainly cherish our friendship. She has been a steadfast supporter and has always been willing to offer honest counsel to me over the years both in the California Legislature and in the US Congress on policy issues affecting Ventura County.

For these reasons, it is my sincere pleasure to join the Jewish Labor Committee in recognizing Leah Lacayo with the Elinor Glenn Leadership Award for her extraordinary life of leadership, engagement, and dedication to her community.

HONORING CAPT. JOSE ACOSTA ON THE OCCASION OF THE CHANGE OF COMMAND AT THE CAPTAIN JAMES A. LOVELL FEDERAL HEALTH CARE CENTER

HON. BRADLEY S. SCHNEIDER

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, September 8, 2014

Mr. SCHNEIDER. Mr. Speaker, I am pleased to rise today to honor Captain Jose Acosta, who will be relinquishing Command at the Captain James A. Lovell Federal Health Care Center (FHCC) in the suburban Chicago district that I represent.

In 2010, the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) and the Department of Defense (DoD) opened Lovell FHCC, our nation's first integrated VA–DOD federal health care center. Lovell FHCC was the culmination of years of vision, planning and hard work. It was and is an example of excellence for all other VA and DoD health care facilities.

Capt. Acosta joined Lovell FHCC in 2012 as the Commanding Officer and Deputy Director, and he was subsequently named Acting Director. In this capacity, Capt. Acosta managed the day-to-day operations of the federal health center, which provides medical care for the veterans and military families in the area. Additionally, Lovell FHCC is responsible for maintaining the military readiness of the more than 40,000 new sailors receiving basic training each year at Naval Station Great Lakes, as well as the 4,000 active duty personnel on base.

Under Capt. Acosta's leadership, Lovell FHCC made the vision of an integrated health system a reality, raising the bar of achievement. Currently in its fourth year, Lovell FHCC provides world-class medical service to the veterans, active duty personnel, military family and recruits in North Chicago and the surrounding communities, holding more than 800,000 patient visits in 2013 alone.

Throughout his distinguished career, Capt. Acosta has displayed extraordinary commitment to his country and dedication to his fellow soldiers. He fully embraced and brought to life Lovell FHCC's mission of "Readying Warriors and Caring for Heroes."

I want to personally thank Capt. Acosta for everything that he has done at Lovell FHCC, and wish him the best of luck as he continues his service as the Commanding Officer for Naval Medical Center San Diego.

IN RECOGNITION OF EDNA FARRELL, 2014 MS. ALABAMA NURSING HOME

HON. MIKE ROGERS

OF ALABAMA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, September 8, 2014

Mr. ROGERS of Alabama. Mr. Speaker, I ask for the House's attention today to recognize Mrs. Edna Farrell, a resident of Arbor Springs Health and Rehabilitation Center in Opelika. Mrs. Farrell was recently named the 2014 Ms. Alabama Nursing Home.

Edna Farrell is a native of Brooklyn, New York. She is also a Cornell graduate and a retired nurse and was a member of the U.S. Cadet Nurse Corps. When she graduated from the corps, she had three Maltese crosses on her shoulders, a sign of high ranking. Her husband who fought in World War II and Vietnam, took the family from Brooklyn to Fort Benning, Korea and Honolulu.

Mrs. Farrell was named Ms. Arbor Springs Health and Rehab Center in the nursing home's pageant last year. Farrell was named the 2014 Ms. Alabama Nursing Home this July during the pageant, which was held in Birmingham.

Mr. Speaker, please join me in congratulating Mrs. Edna Farrell on her achievement and wishing her great success during her reign as 2014's Ms. Alabama Nursing Home.

RECOGNIZING SARA LOUISE STEVENS BOOTH AND CHRISTOPHER "KIT" HENRY BOOTH FOR THEIR EXTRAORDINARY COMMUNITY SERVICE

HON. WILLIAM L. OWENS

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, September 8, 2014

Mr. OWENS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Sara Louise Stevens Booth and Christopher "Kit" Henry Booth for their extraordinary community service.

The Commemoration of the Battle of Plattsburgh began in 1997 as a weekend event and this year will take place during sixteen days. It is an event that captures the interest of history buffs, authors of history books, children and adults of all ages.

Kit and Sally Booth, people that I have known for well over thirty years, have been the prime movers for the development of this exciting historical event in our community. It now provides concerts, the Children's Old Time Village Fair, offers dances and authentic food from the period, all of which appeal to not only those interested in the historical importance of the Battle of Plattsburgh but those just interested in having a fun weekend.

The historical highlight, of course, is the reenactment, which helps to demonstrate the importance of the Battle of Plattsburgh to the outcome of the War of 1812. The entertainment is highlighted by a parade and includes notable bands including the Navy Band, a thirty piece brass band from Coberg, Ontario and approximately ten bagpipe bands.

All of this was made possible through the hard work of Sally and Kit, both in terms of the work that they have done themselves, which has been in and of itself enormous, but also their leadership in inspiring numerous volunteers to participate. This year we again expect numerous volunteers working over the course of sixteen days to make this event a success.

In honor of the two hundredth anniversary of the Battle of Plattsburgh, there will be two nights of fireworks and a local physician has created a musical play which will have five performances in the newly renovated Strand Theatre.

The economic impact of this event is demonstrated by the American Bus Association's recognition of it as one of the top twenty themed events in the country as well as the many vendors and tourists who now attend the event. The Commemoration Committee has purchased five thousand buttons over the last several years which are sold as evidence of admission to all the venues for \$10, raising well over \$50,000 to support this event.

Sally and Kit will be serving their final year as the Co-Chairs after dedicating seventeen years to the development of this event. Their commitment has been outstanding and represents only one of the many community services that they have performed over their lives in Plattsburgh.

Kit Booth is a father and grandfather who also served as an Alderman for Ward 1 in the City of Plattsburgh, as a Clinton County legislator and as a member of the United States Armed Services during the Korean conflict. In addition to his work in Commemoration of the Battle of Plattsburgh, he volunteers at CVPH Medical Center, is an active member of the Rotary Club and is an accomplished wood carver.

Sally Booth is a mother and grandmother who has is a talented and creative writer and artist, a member of the League of Woman Voters and serves as a board member for the Kent Delord House Museum and as a Docent for the Rockwell Kent Museum. She is widely respected for her many years of volunteerism, serving on countless boards and volunteering for numerous organizations in the community.

The Booths owned Booth's Gifts for many years and provided a great service to the community as local entrepreneurs.

Kit and Sally Booth have made immeasurable contributions to the Plattsburgh community and deserve recognition and high praise for all they have done and continue to do, and we hope will continue to do for their community for years to come.

CONGRATULATING KAYLA
McDONALD

HON. PETE OLSON

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, September 8, 2014

Mr. OLSON. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Stephen F. Austin High School

incoming freshman, Kayla McDonald for earning a bronze medal in the 400-meter relay at the 37th Hershey's Track & Field Games North American Final in Hershey, Pennsylvania. Kayla was part of a quartet that sprinted to a time of 51.77 seconds, just 1.22 seconds from the gold medal finishers.

With this achievement, Kayla has established herself as a top young track athlete in Texas. For two consecutive years she has won the 400-meter dash at the Fort Bend ISD district championships. She was also an honor roll student and a member of Peer Assistance Leadership at Garcia Middle School. I'm confident Kayla will continue to excel in high school, both in the class room and on the track.

We are proud of Kayla for this outstanding accomplishment and I wish Kayla the best of luck in the coming school year. On behalf of the residents of the Twenty-Second Congressional District of Texas, I again congratulate Kayla McDonald for her victory at the Hershey's Track & Field Games North American Final.

HONORING SKIP SCHRAYER FOR RECEIVING THE 2014 JULIUS ROSENWALD MEMORIAL AWARD

HON. BRADLEY S. SCHNEIDER

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, September 8, 2014

Mr. SCHNEIDER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor my dear friend, an exceptional leader, Max Robert (Skip) Schrayer for receiving the Julius Rosenwald Memorial Award from the Jewish Federation of Metropolitan Chicago.

Skip has been a leader in the Jewish community for much of life, holding formal leadership positions within the Jewish United Fund/Jewish Federation (JUF) for more than 30 years.

This commitment to strengthening the Jewish community runs deep in Skip's heritage as he is the fourth member of his family to receive this, JUF's most prestigious award.

Whether it has been spearheading record fundraising efforts or co-founding the Nacshon Mission, Skip pours himself into the community and exemplifies all of the finest ideals that JUF and the Jewish community hold dear. I am grateful for Skip's friendship, and the entire JUF community is lucky to have his leadership, vision and drive.

His work for humanitarian causes and determination to make a profound difference at home and around the world are inspiring and help galvanize an entire community to action.

The breadth of Skip's experience, his many leadership roles and countless successes, earned him this distinct honor and the gratitude of our community.

Leaders like Skip Schrayer, with their focus and passion, make the Jewish community stronger. I congratulate my good friend for receiving the Julius Rosenwald Memorial Award, and I look forward to Skip's many successes still ahead.

SENATE COMMITTEE MEETINGS

Title IV of Senate Resolution 4, agreed to by the Senate of February 4,

1977, calls for establishment of a system for a computerized schedule of all meetings and hearings of Senate committees, subcommittees, joint committees, and committees of conference. This title requires all such committees to notify the Office of the Senate Daily Digest—designated by the Rules Committee—of the time, place and purpose of the meetings, when scheduled and any cancellations or changes in the meetings as they occur.

As an additional procedure along with the computerization of this information, the Office of the Senate Daily Digest will prepare this information for printing in the Extensions of Remarks section of the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD on Monday and Wednesday of each week.

Meetings scheduled for Tuesday, September 9, 2014 may be found in the Daily Digest of today's RECORD.

MEETINGS SCHEDULED

SEPTEMBER 10

9:30 a.m.

Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs

To hold hearings to examine cybersecurity, terrorism, and beyond, focusing on addressing evolving threats to the homeland.

SD-342

10 a.m.

Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry

To hold hearings to examine the nomination of Lisa Afua Serwah Mensah, of Maryland, to be Under Secretary of Agriculture for Rural Development.

SR-328A

Committee on Rules and Administration

To hold hearings to examine the nominations of Matthew Vincent Masterson, of Ohio, and Christy A. McCormick, of Virginia, both to be a Member of the Election Assistance Commission.

SR-301

10:30 a.m.

Committee on Foreign Relations

To hold hearings to examine the nominations of William V. Roebuck, of North Carolina, to be Ambassador to the Kingdom of Bahrain, Judith Beth Cefkin, of Colorado, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Fiji, and to serve concurrently and without additional compensation as Ambassador to the Republic of Kiribati, the Republic of Nauru, the Kingdom of Tonga, and Tuvalu, and Barbara A. Leaf, of Virginia, to be Ambassador to the United Arab Emirates, all of the Department of State.

SD-419

2:15 p.m.

Special Committee on Aging

To hold hearings to examine Older Americans and student loan debt.

SD-562

2:30 p.m.

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation

To hold hearings to examine freight rail service, focusing on improving the performance of America's rail system.

SR-253

Committee on Indian Affairs

To hold an oversight hearing to examine irrigation projects in Indian country.

SD-628

SEPTEMBER 11

Time to be announced

Committee on Environment and Public Works

Business meeting to consider the nominations of Jeffery Martin Baran, of Virginia, and Stephen G. Burns, of Maryland, both to be a Member of the Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

TBA

10 a.m.

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources

Business meeting to consider the nomination of Elizabeth Sherwood-Randall, of California, to be Deputy Secretary of Energy.

SD-366

Committee on the Judiciary

Business meeting to consider S. 1690, to reauthorize the Second Chance Act of 2007, S. 1535, to deter terrorism, provide justice for victims, S. 2646, to reauthorize the Runaway and Homeless Youth Act, and the nominations of Madeline Cox Arleo, to be United States District Judge for the District of New Jersey, Wendy Beetlestone, Mark A. Kearney, Joseph F. Leeson, Jr., and Gerald J. Pappert, all to be a United States District Judge for the Eastern District of Pennsylvania, Victor Allen Bolden, to be United States District Judge for the District of Connecticut, Armando Ormar Bonilla, of the District of Co-

lumbia, to be a Judge of the United States Court of Federal Claims, Stephen R. Bough, to be United States District Judge for the Western District of Missouri, David J. Hale, and Gregory N. Stivers, both to be a United States District Judge for the Western District of Kentucky, and Arthur Lee Bentley III, to be United States Attorney for the Middle District of Florida, Department of Justice.

SD-226

2:30 p.m.

Select Committee on Intelligence

To receive closed briefings on certain intelligence matters.

SH-219

3:15 p.m.

Committee on Foreign Relations

To hold hearings to examine the nominations of James Peter Zumwalt, of California, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Senegal, and to serve concurrently and without additional compensation as Ambassador to the Republic of Guinea-Bissau, Robert T. Yamate, of California, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Madagascar, and to serve concurrently and without additional compensation as Ambassador to the Union of the Comoros, and Virginia E. Palmer, of Virginia, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Malawi, all of the Department of State.

SD-419

SEPTEMBER 15

3 p.m.

Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs

To hold hearings to examine equality for the District of Columbia, focusing on discussing the implications of S. 132, to provide for the admission of the State of New Columbia into the Union.

SD-342

SEPTEMBER 16

2:30 p.m.

Select Committee on Intelligence

To hold closed hearings to examine certain intelligence matters.

SH-219

9:30 p.m.

Committee on Armed Services

To hold hearings to examine United States policy towards Iraq and Syria and the threat posed by the Islamic State of Iraq and the Levant (ISIL).

SH-216

SEPTEMBER 18

2:30 p.m.

Select Committee on Intelligence

To receive closed briefings on certain intelligence matters.

SH-219